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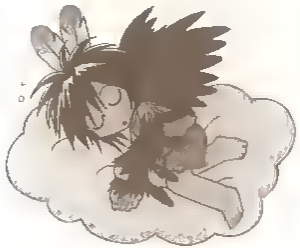
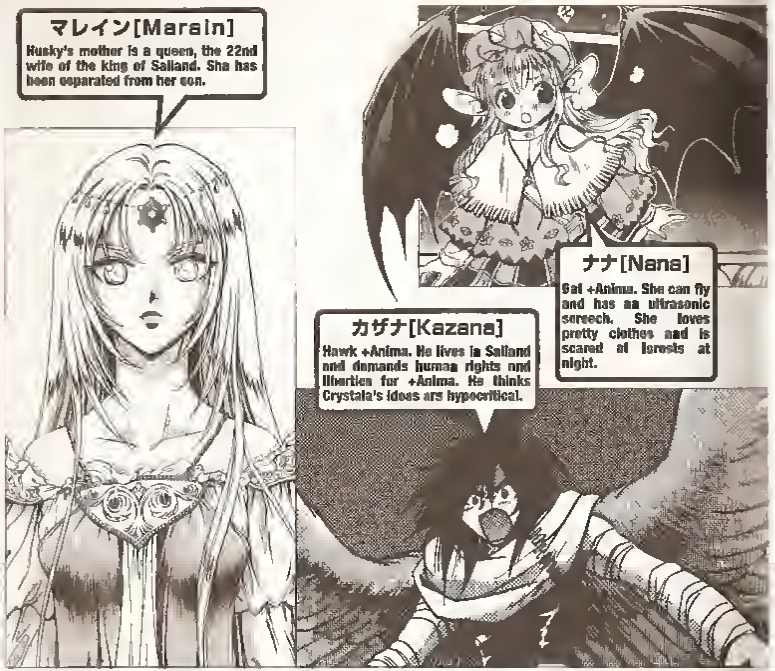



マレイン[Marain]
Husky's mother is a queen, the 22nd wife of the king of Salland. She has been separated from her son.
ナナ[Nana]
Cat +Anima. She can fly and has an ultrasonic screech. She loves pretty clothes and is scared of forests at night.
カザナ[Kazana]
Hawk +Anima. He lives in Salland and demands human rights and liberties for +Anima. He thinks Crystala's ideas are hypocritical.

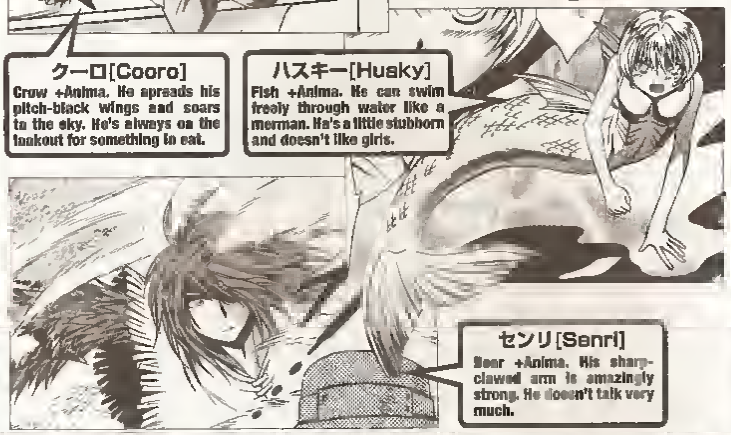
Senri, who worked for Crystala when he was young, is put up for auction in the slave market. Crystala buys him, and he is able to join Cooro and Nena. Learning that Husky has been bought by Lord Herclus, a court painter, Cooro and the others sneak away from Crystala and steal Husky away.

Cooro and his three friends are all together again. Husky confesses that his mother is a queen of Salland but that the royal palace is dangerous for intruders and he ought to go find her alone. When Kazana nominates himself to help, however, all five of them sneak into the castle.

Cooro and the others safely sneak Husky into the castle and find his mother, Marein. But on seeing Husky, Marein has Coore and the others arrested! Then Mnrein gives them all food, and rejoices over her reunion with Husky with few words.

She tries to get Coore and the others out of the castle before Husky's father, the king, finds them, but Kazana, who had disappeared at some point, is after the king's life...

STORY & CHARACTERS


クーロ[Cooro]
Crow +Anima. He spreads his pitch-black wings and soars to the sky. He's always on the lookout for something to eat.
ハスキー[Husky]
Fish +Anima. He can swim freely through water like a merman. He's a little stubborn and doesn't like girls.
センリ[Senri]
Bear +Anima. His sharp-clawed arm is amazingly strong. He doesn't talk very much.

In this world, there are those known as +Anima: humans who have within them the powers of animals. Coore, a crow +Anima, meets Husky, a fish +Anime, who was putting on a mermaid princess sideshow, and takes him away from the circus.

The two of them agree to travel together, and are later joined by new companions: Senri, a bear +Anima, and Nena, a bat +Anima. And so, the four children's adventures begen...

During their travels, after many encounters and partings, the four arrive in Salland where Husky hopes to be reunited with his mother after a long seperation.

In Salland, where Husky was born, +Anime are treated as slaves. Soon after their arrival there, Husky and Senri are attacked by slave hunters and captured. At the same time, Cooro and Nona meet Crystale, the leader of a caravan, who takes them into her custody and guarantees their safety.

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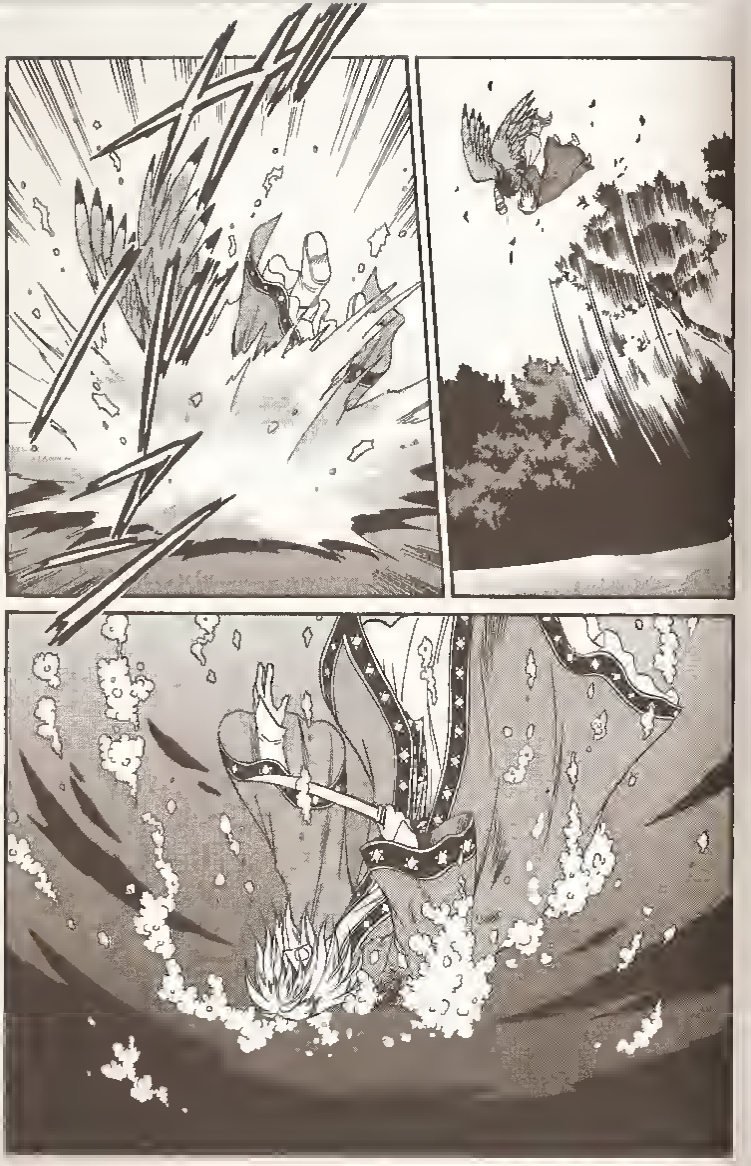
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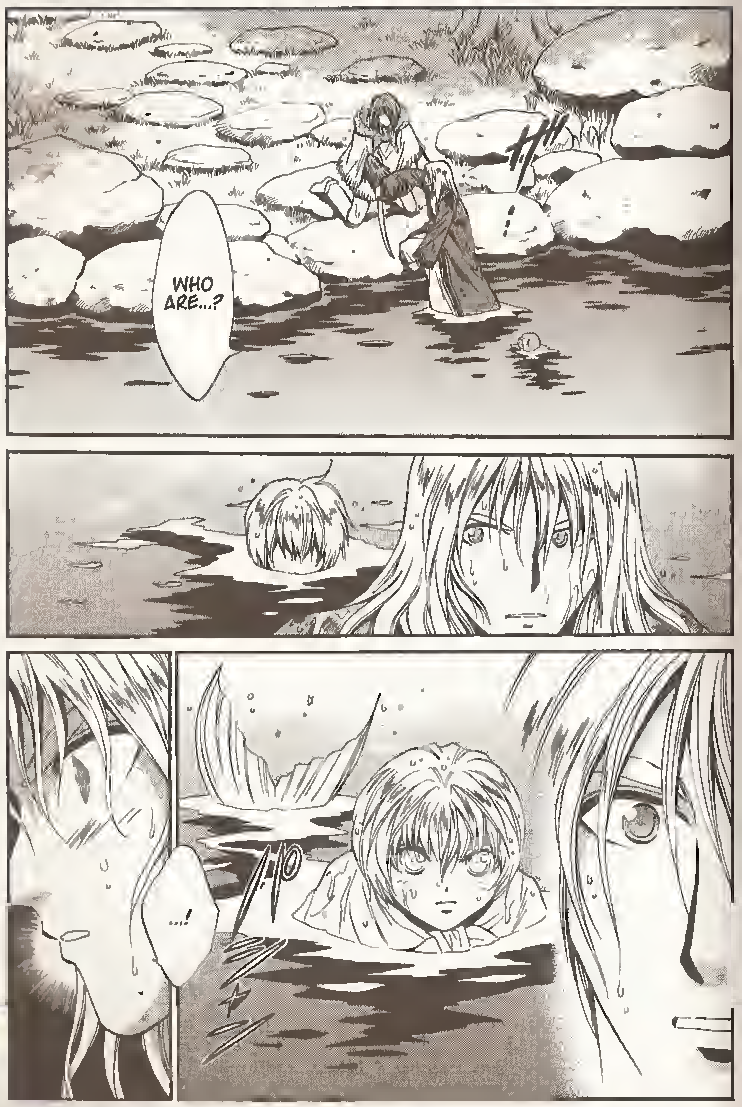
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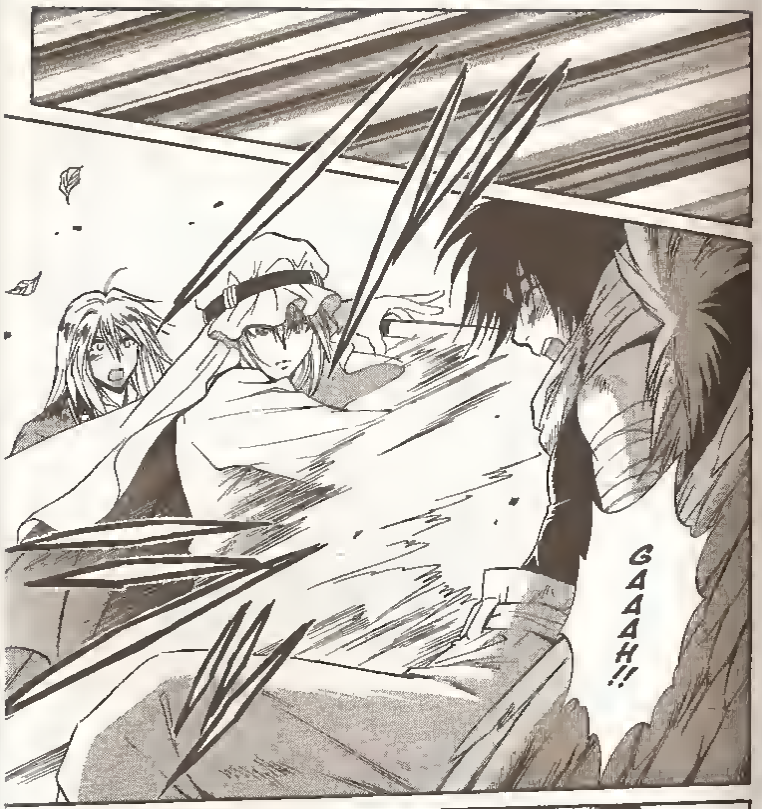
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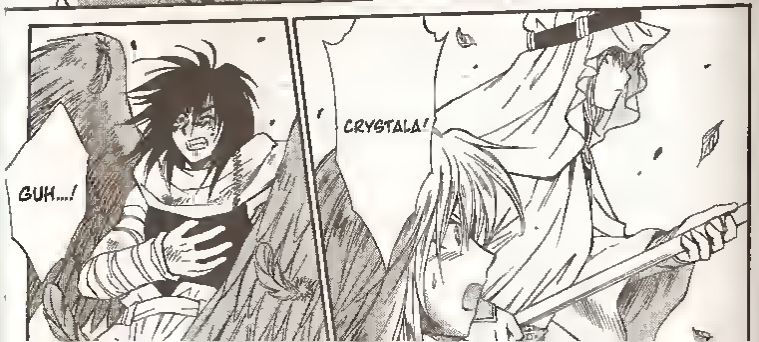
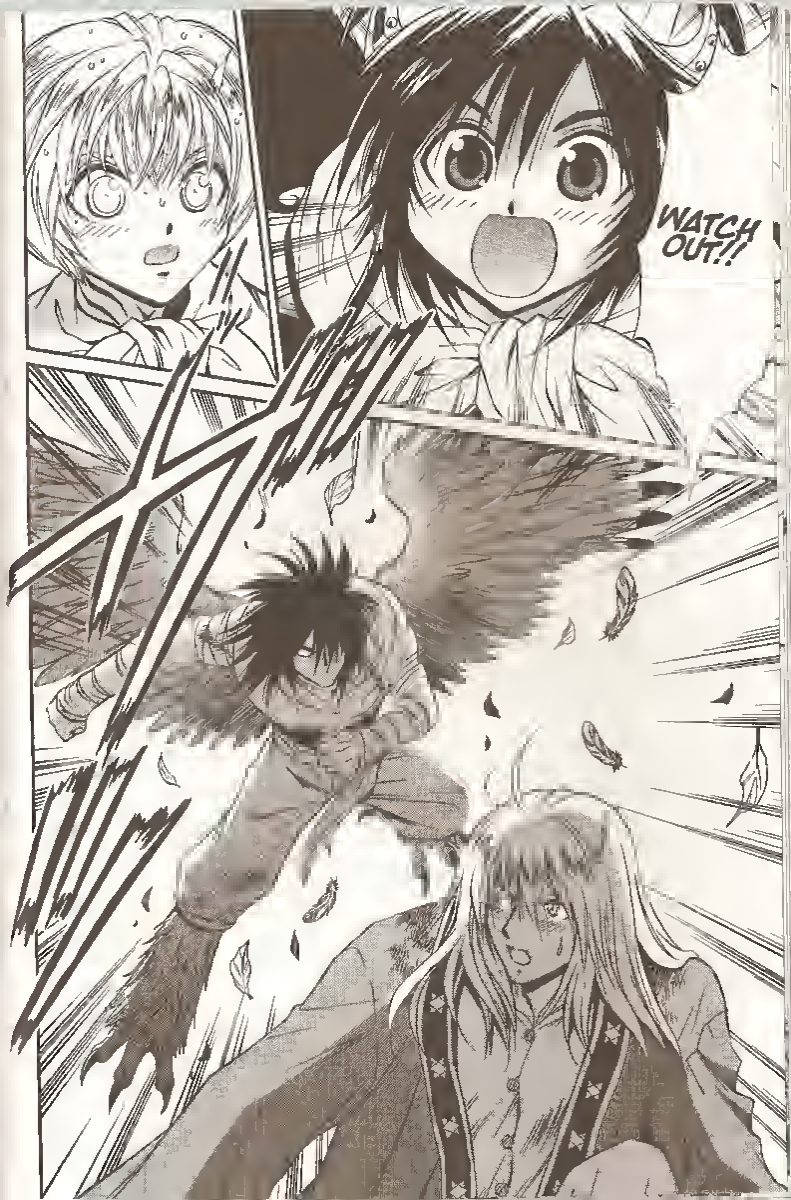
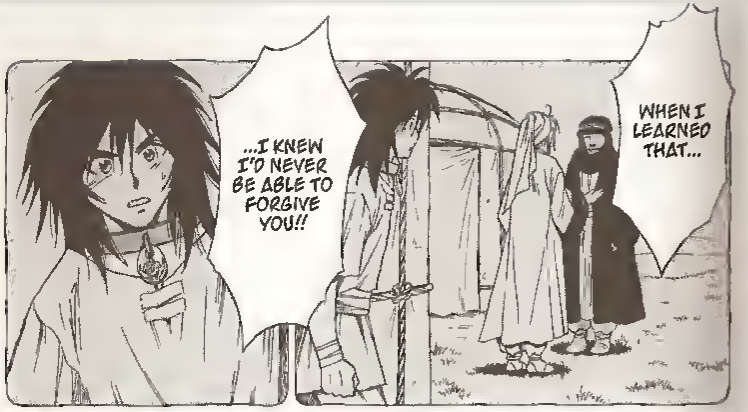
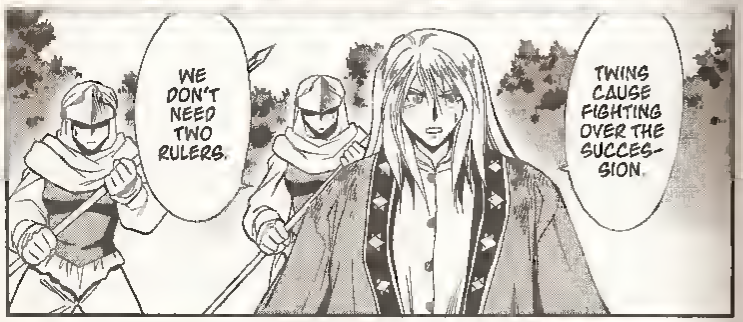
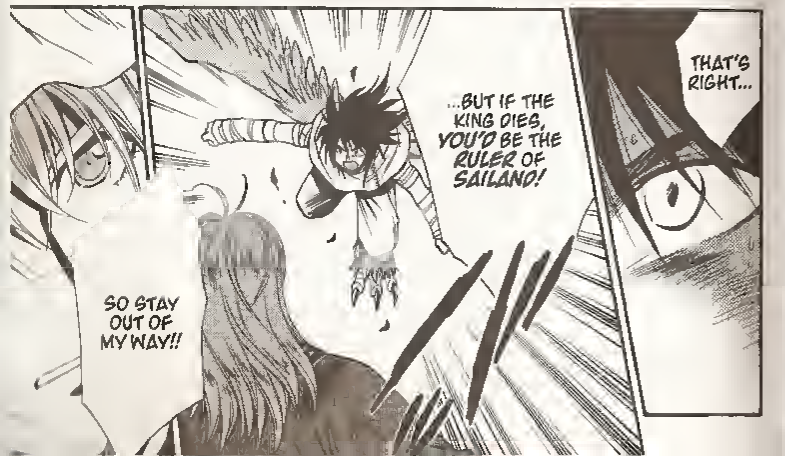

BUH...!
CRYSTALA!


WATCH OUT!!

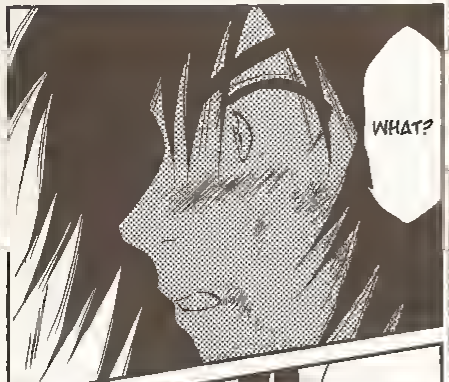

...I KNEW I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO FORGIVE YOU!!
WHEN I LEARNED THAT...


WE DON'T NEED TWO RULERS.
TWINS CAUSE FIGHTING OVER THE SUCCES-SION.


SO STAY OUT OF MY WAY!!
...BUT IF THE KING DIES, YOU'D BE THE RULER OF SAILAND!
THAT'S RIGHT...

I WON'T LET YOU GO ANY FARTHER!
KAZANA!

CRYSTALA
YOU'RE THE KING'S TWIN SISTER!!
YOU WERE IN A POSITION TO REFORM SAILAND! BUT YOU THREW IT AWAY!
S-SISTER?!
HUH?!
OOOH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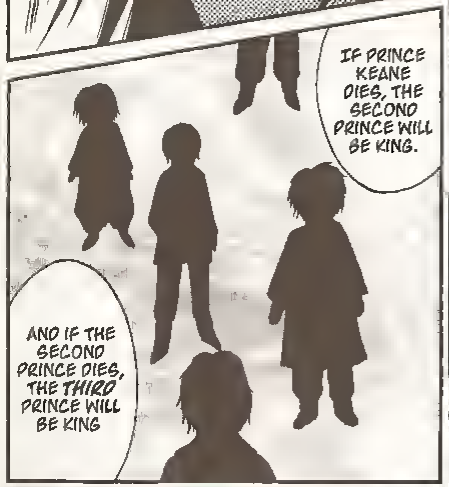
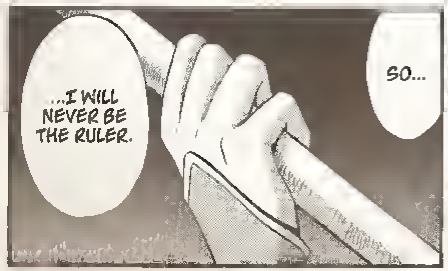
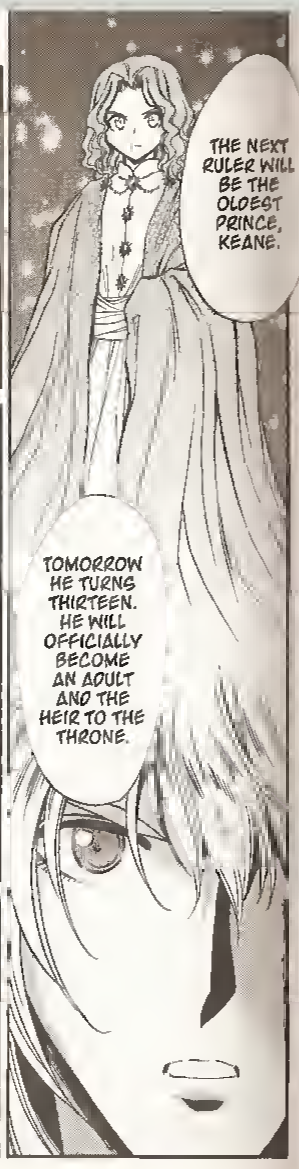
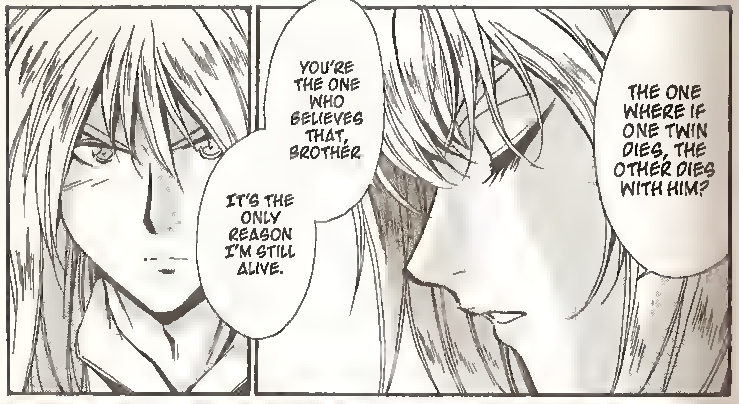

IF PRINCE KEANE DIES, THE SECOND PRINCE WILL BE KING.
AND IF THE SECOND PRINCE DIES, THE THIRD PRINCE WILL BE KING

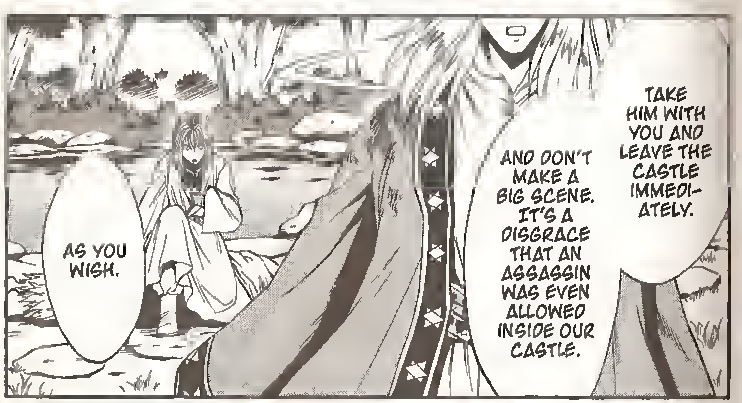

SO...
...I WILL NEVER BE THE RULER.

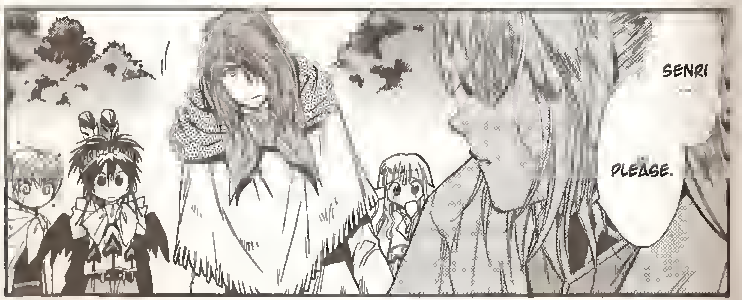

THE NEXT RULER WILL BE THE OLDEST PRINCE, KEANE.
TOMORROW HE TURNS THIRTEEN. HE WILL OFFICIALLY BECOME AN ADULT AND THE HEIR TO THE THRONE.

THE WAY SHE FIGHTS WITH THAT STAFF...
HUH?

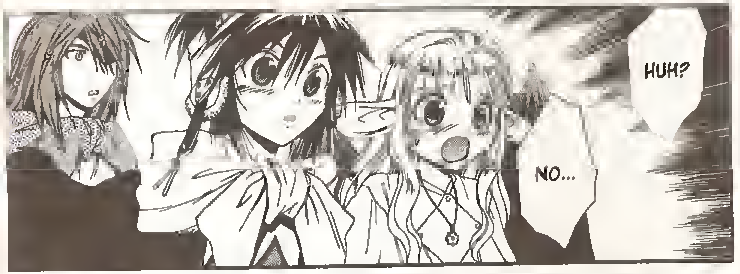
KAZANA!!
CRYSTALA.
LEAVE THE +ANIMA TO ME.
YOU MAY KNOW HIM...
..BUT WE CANNOT PARDON ASSAS-SINS.


THE ONE WHERE IF ONE TWIN DIES, THE OTHER DIES WITH HIM?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO BELIEVES THAT, BROTHER.
IT'S THE ONE REASON I'M STILL ALIVE.

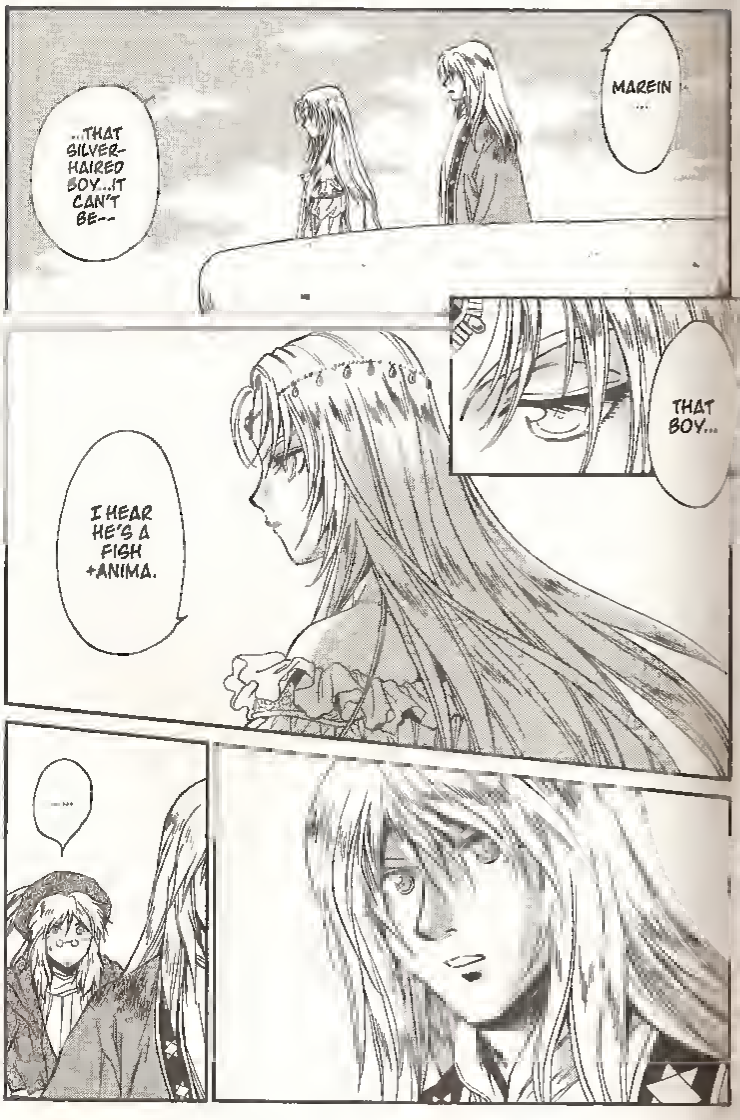

TAKE HIM WITH YOU AND LEAVE THE CASTLE IMMEDIATELY.
AND DON'T MAKE A BIG SCENE. IT'S A DISGRACE THAT AN ASSASSIN WAS EVEN ALLOWED INSIDE OUR CASTLE.
AS YOU WISH.


SENRI
PLEASE.

HE WON'T...
...BE ABLE TO ASSASSINATE ANYONE ANYMORE


HUH?
NO...

YOU'RE NOT ATTACKING ME?
I SUPPOSE YOU BELIEVE IN THE SUPERSTITION AS WELL.


...THAT SILVER-HAIRED BOY...IT CAN'T BE--
MAREIN ...
THAT BOY...
I HEAR HE'S A FISH +ANIMA.
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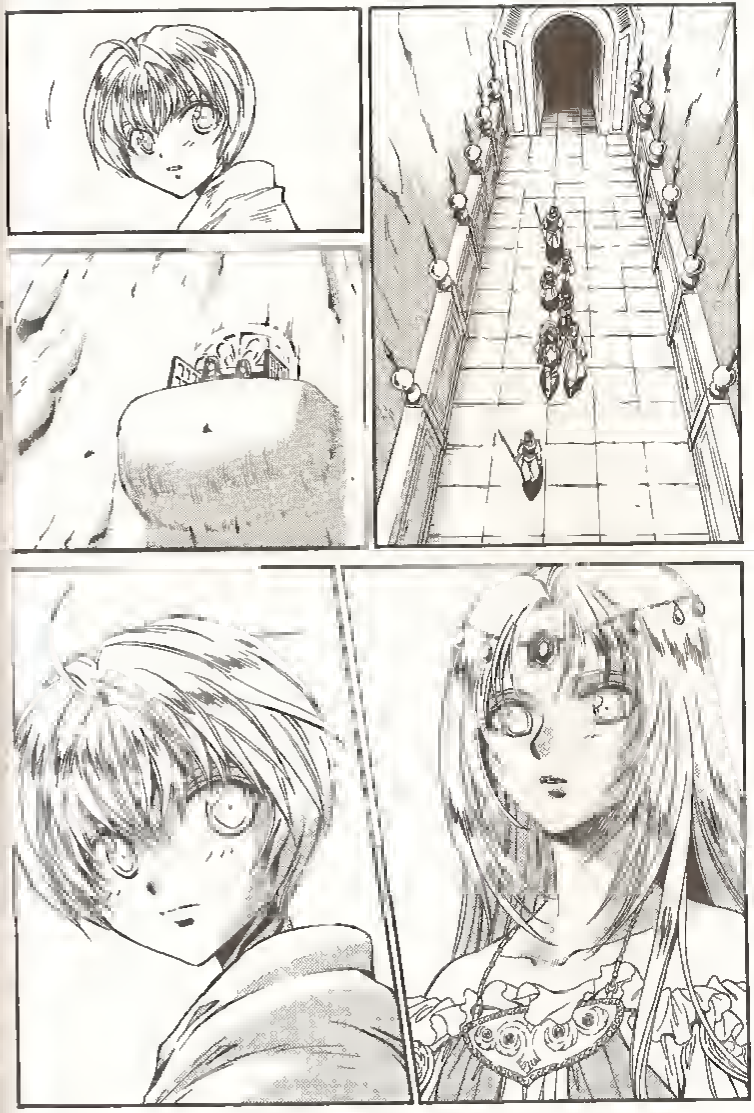
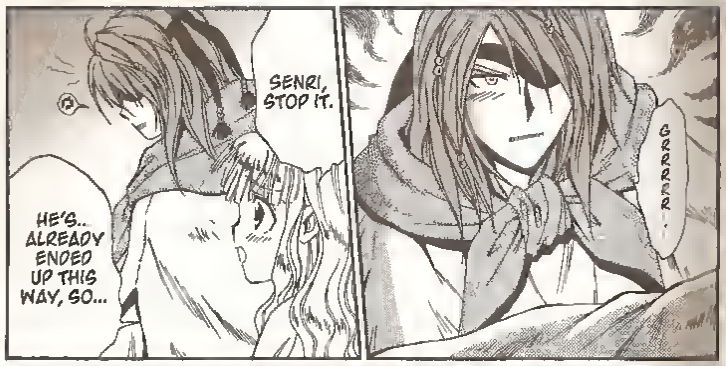
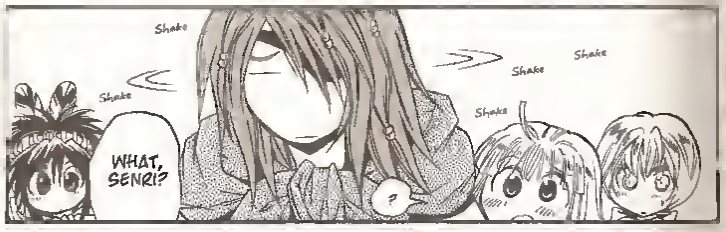



SENRI, STOP IT.
HE'S.. ALREADY ENDED UP THIS WAY, SO...
GRRRER.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Shake
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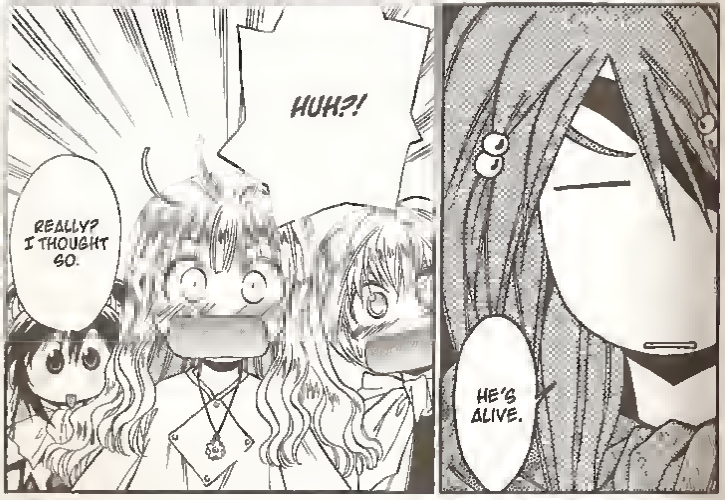
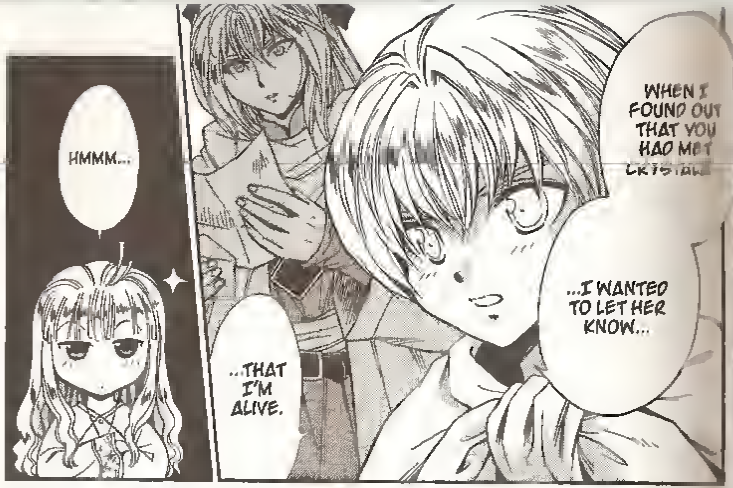
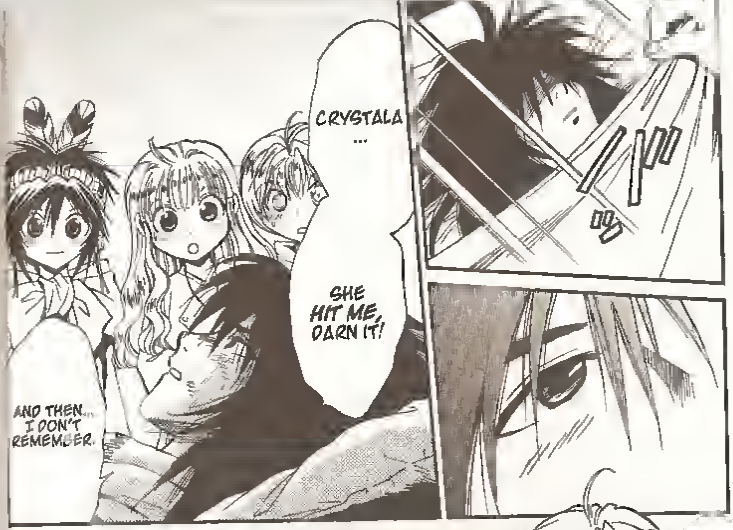
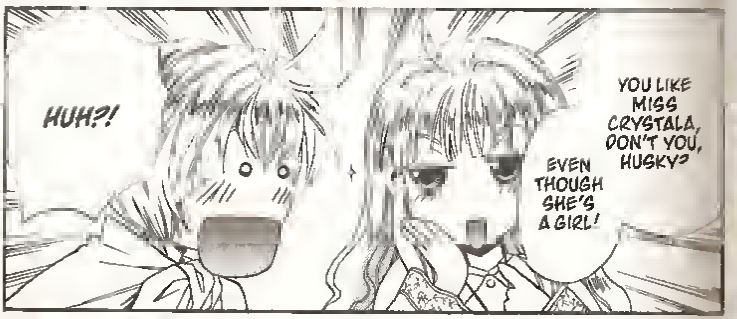
Shake
WHAT, SENRI?

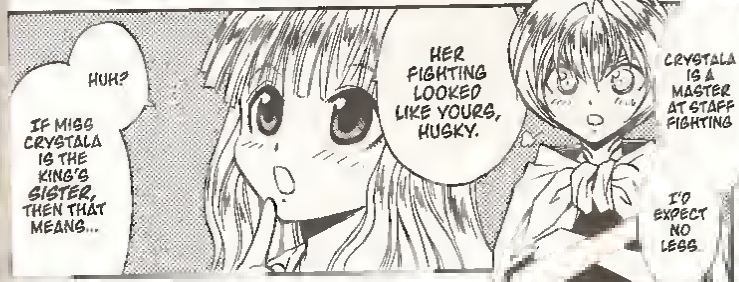

HUH?!
REALLY? I THOUGHT SO.
HE'S ALIVE.

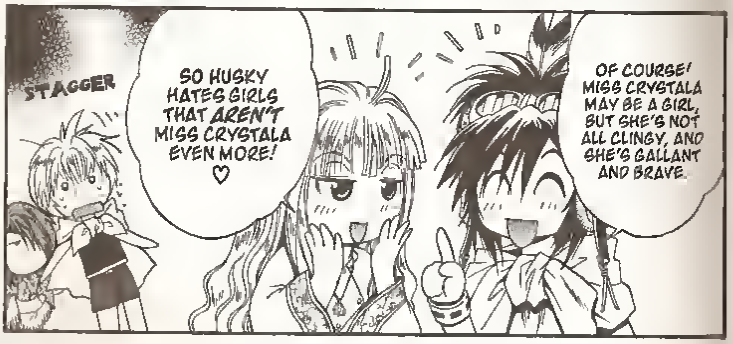
SO SAPPHIRE, THE MERMAID I BOUGHT...
HMM...

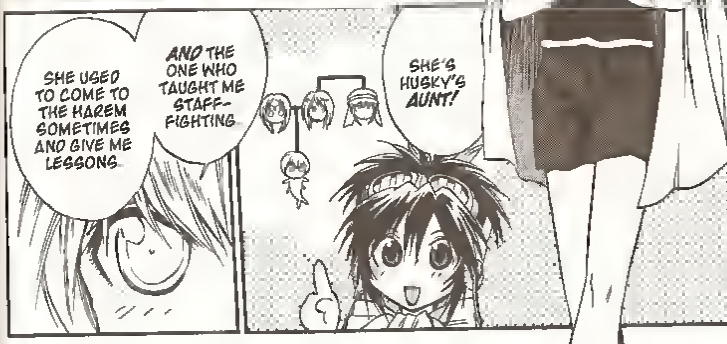

HMMM...
WHEN I FOUND OUT THAT YOU HAD MET CRYSTAL...
...I WANTED TO LET HER KNOW...
..THAT I'M ALIVE.

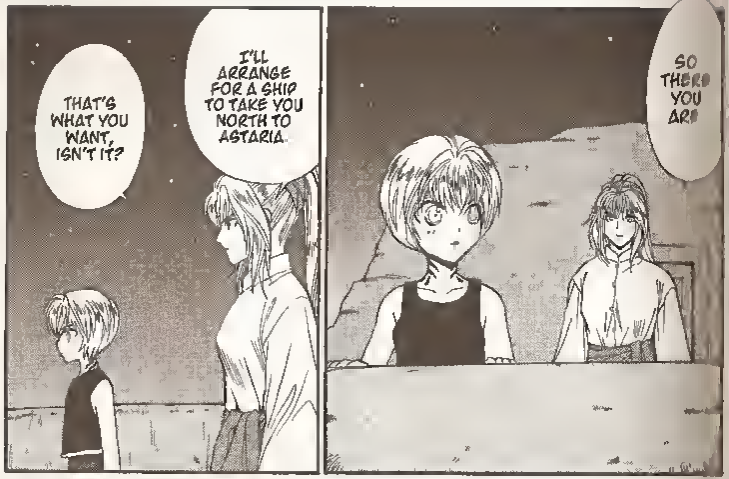

CRYSTALA...
SHE HIT ME, DARN IT!
AND THEN... I DON'T REMEMBER.

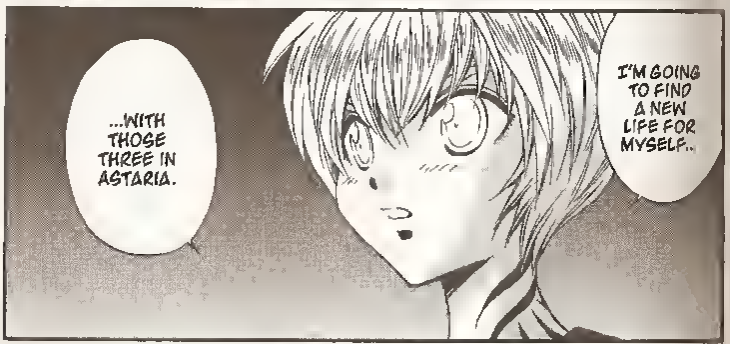

HUH?!
YOU LIKE MISS CRYSTALA, DON'T YOU, HUSKY?
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S A GIRL!

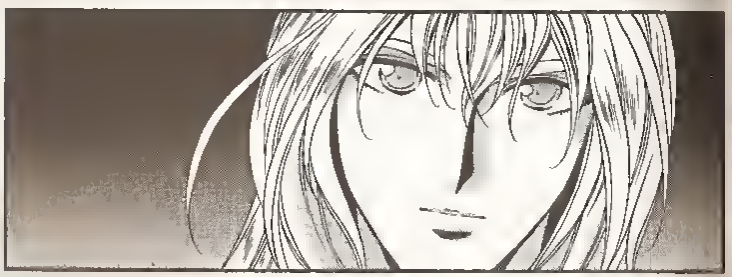

HUH?
IF MISS CRYSTALA IS THE KING'S SISTER, THEN THAT MEANS...
HER FIGHTING LOOKED LIKE YOURS, HUSKY.
CRYSTALA IS A MASTER AT STAFF FIGHTING
I'D EXPECT NO LESS.


STAGGER
SO HUSKY HATES GIRLS THAT AREN'T MISS CRYSTALA EVEN MORE! ♡
OF COURSE! MISS CRYSTALA MAY BE A GIRL, BUT SHE'S NOT ALL CLINGY, AND SHE'S GALLANT AND BRAVE.


SHE USED TO COME TO THE HAREM SOMETIMES AND GIVE ME LESSONS.
AND THE ONE WHO TAUGHT ME STAFF-FIGHTING.
SHE'S HUSKY'S AUNT!

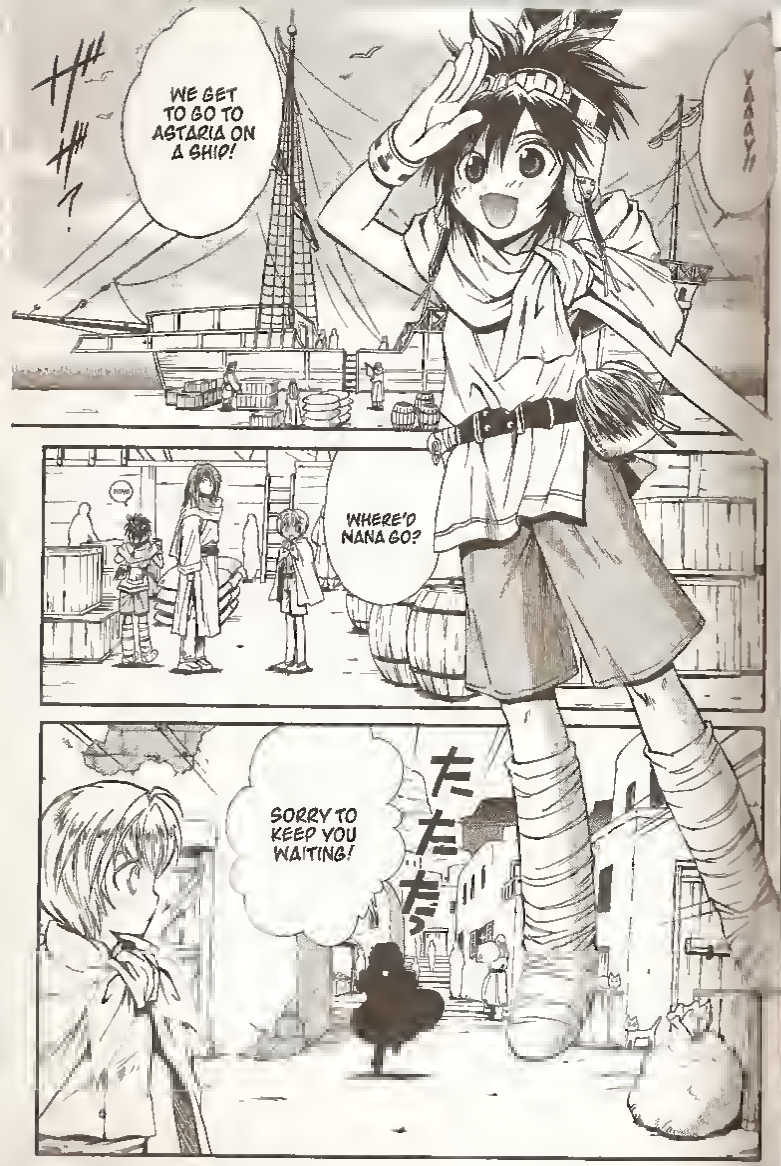

THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, ISN'T IT?
I'LL ARRANGE FOR A SHIP TO TAKE YOU NORTH TO ASTARIA.
SO THERE YOU ARE!


...WITH THOSE THREE IN ASTARIA.
I'M GOING TO FIND A NEW LIFE FOR MYSELF..



WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT?!
GAAHH!!!
DON'T GO MAKING UP STORIES LIKE THAT!!!
OOH, THAT MUST BE IT!
KONK

Injured person
Uuugh


WE GET TO GO TO ASTARIA ON A SHIP!
YAAAY!!
WHERE'D NANA GO?
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!
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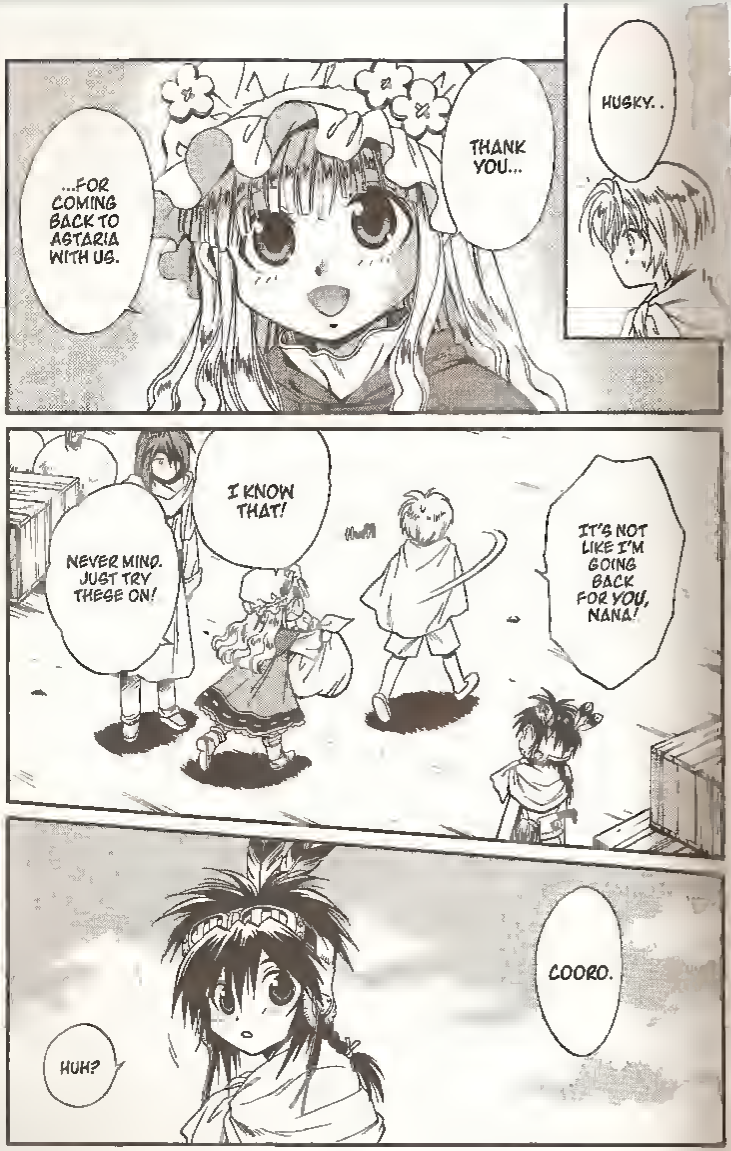
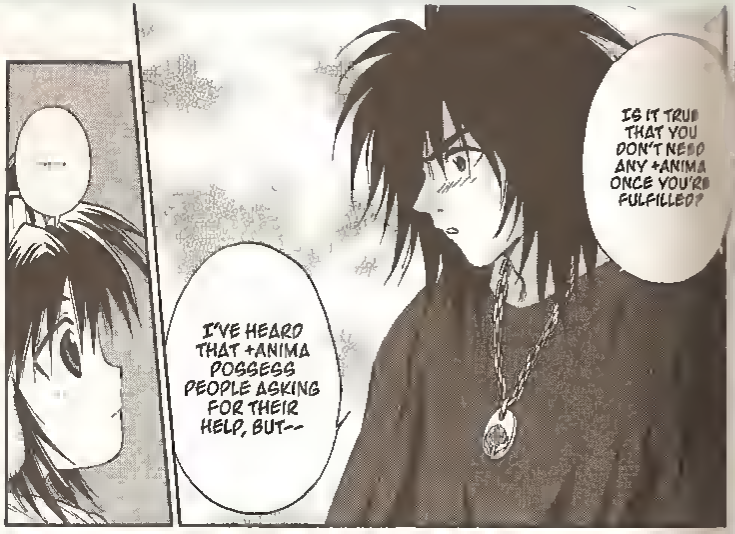
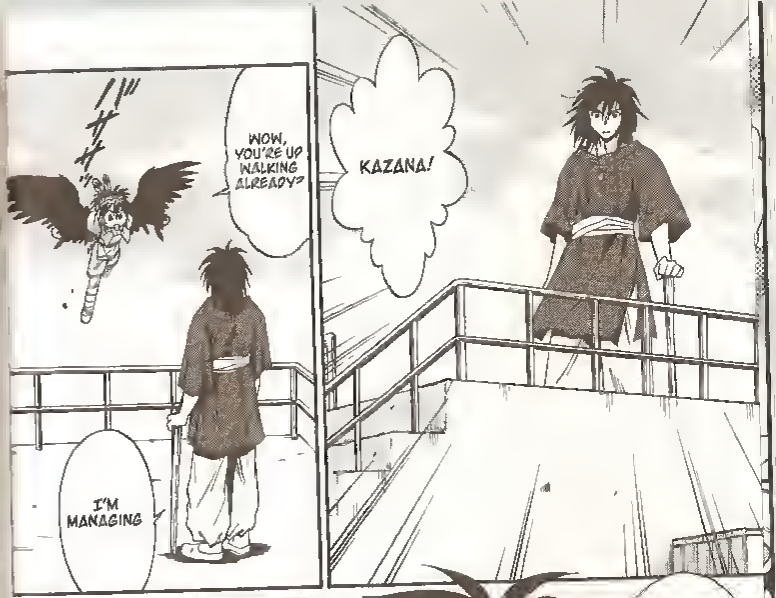
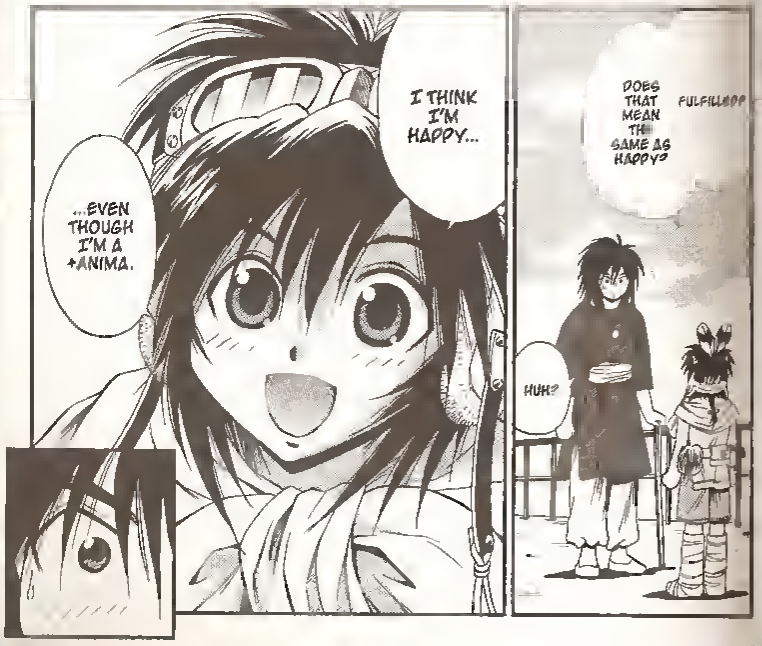
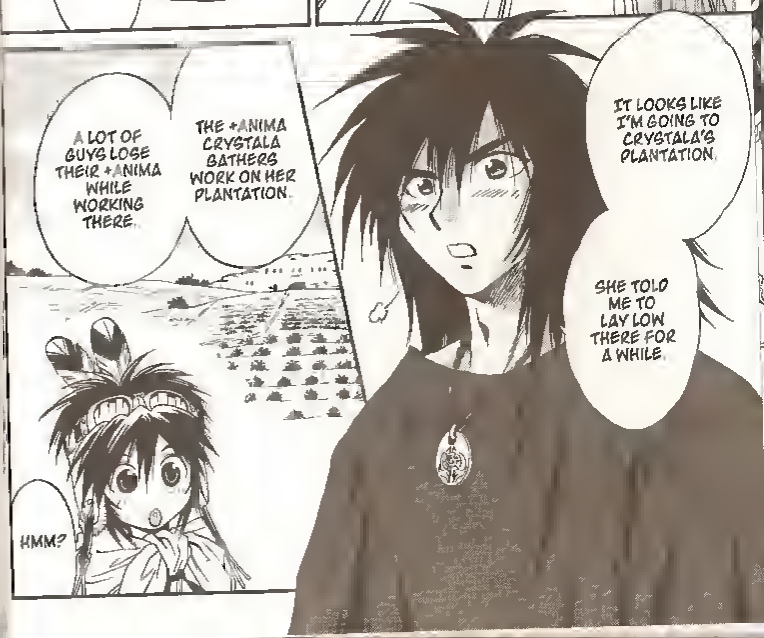
YOU'VE MADE SOME GOOO FRIENDS...
HUSKY.
YES.


HUSKY..
THANK YOU...
...FOR COMING BACK TO ASTARIA WITH US.
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M GOING BACK FOR YOU, NANA!
I KNOW THAT!
NEVER MIND. JUST TRY THESE ON!
COORO.
HUH?
IT'S BEEN A WHILE!
WOW, NANA! YOU HAVE NEW CLOTHES!
WHAT DO WE THINK?!
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
I MADE THEM OUT OF SOME OLD CLOTHES I GOT FROM MISS CRYSTALA. ♡
WELL, WE'RE GOING BACK TO ASTARIA, SO WE OUGHT TO DRESS ACCORDINGLY!
DON'T WORRY, THERE'S ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE. ♡
AREN'T YOU HAPPY?
WOW!
HEY!
CRYSTALA'S OLD CLOTHES?

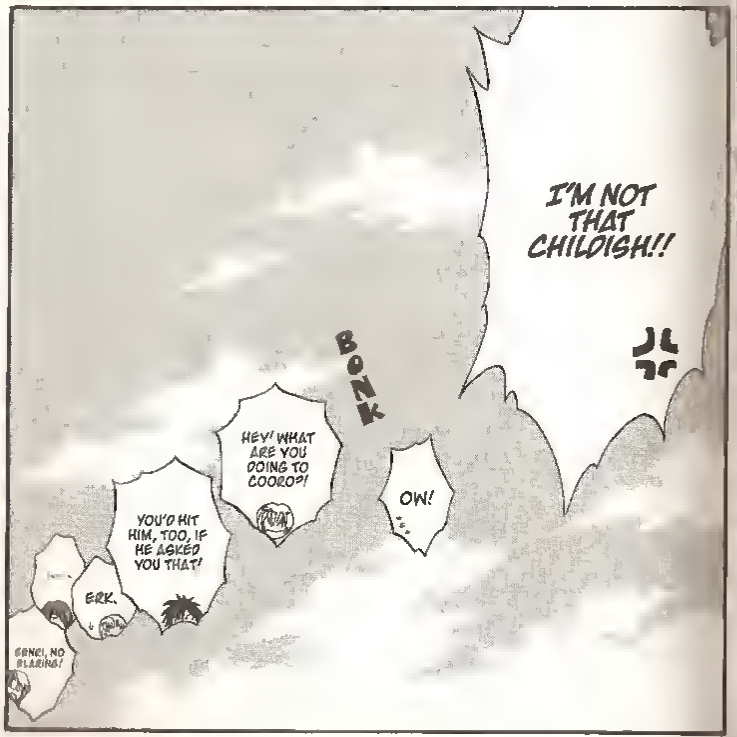

IS IT TRUE THAT YOU DON'T NEED ANY +ANIMA ONCE YOU'RE FULFILLED?
I'VE HEARD THAT +ANIMA POSSESS PEOPLE ASKING FOR THEIR HELP, BUT--


WOW, YOU'RE UP WALKING ALREADY?
I'M MANAGING
KAZANA!

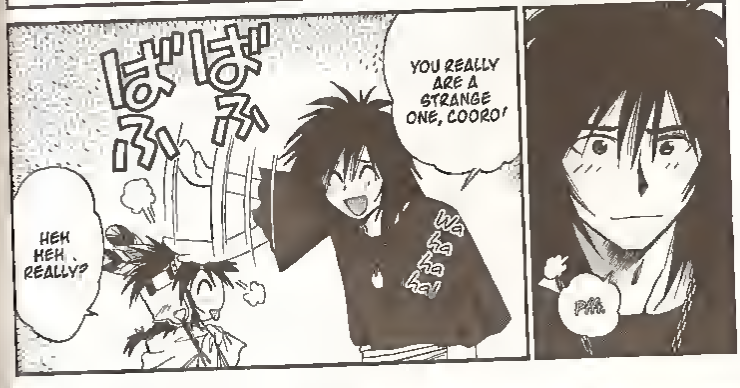

I THINK I'M HAPPY...
...EVEN THOUGH I'M A +ANIMA.
DOES THAT MEAN THE SAME AS HAPPY?
FULFILLED?
HUH?


A LOT OF GUYS LOSE THEIR +ANIMA WHILE WORKING THERE.
THE +ANIMA CRYSTALA GATHERS WORK ON HER PLANTATION.
IT LOOKS LIKE I'M GOING TO CRYSTALA'S PLANTATION.
SHE TOLD ME TO LAY LOW THERE FOR A WHILE.
HMM?

WHA..?
IS IT BECAUSE MISS CRYSTALA WAS NICE TO YOU?
YOU KIND OF LOOK HAPPY, TOO, KAZÁNA


I'M NOT THAT CHILDISH!!
BONK
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO COORO?!
OW!
YOU'D HIT HIM, TOO, IF HE ASKED YOU THAT!
ERK.
SENRI, NO GLARING!

...AND I HAVE HUSKY, NANA AND SENRI.
I CAN FLY..
I CAN EAT FOOD..
Y'KNOW?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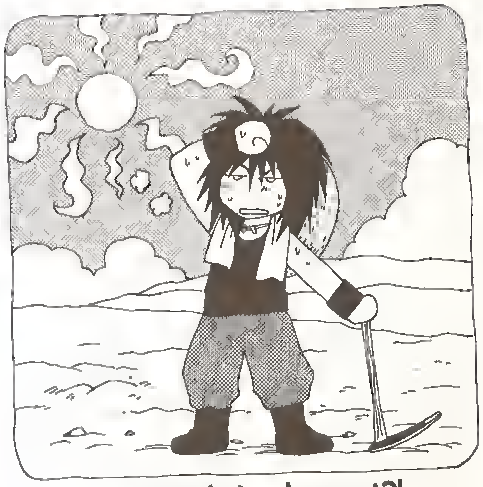
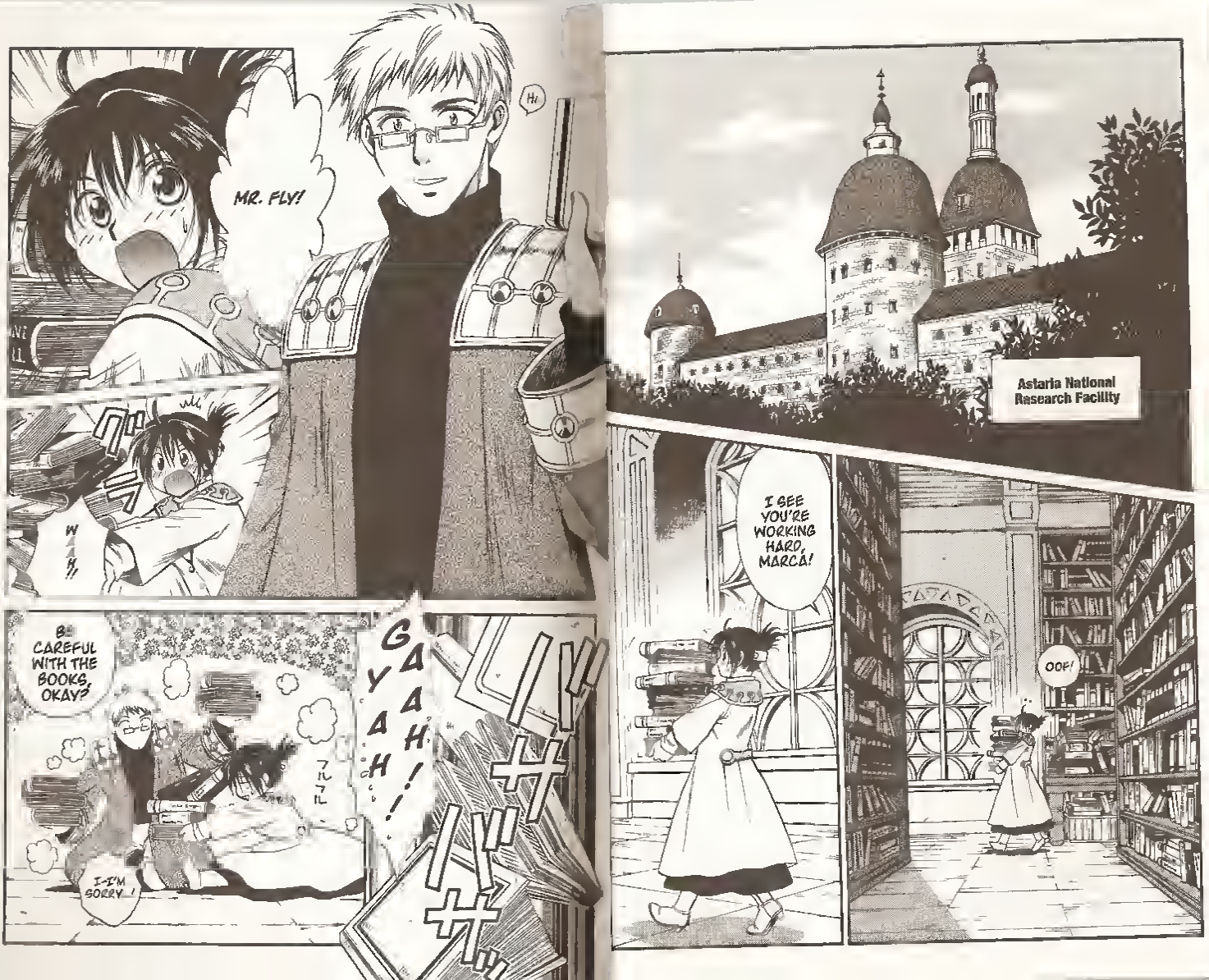
YOU REALLY ARE A STRANGE ONE, COORO!
HEH HEH REALLY?
wa ha ha ha!
PFF.

Chapter 46
Blue Wings



The work is pleasant?!


MR. FLY!
Hi
WAAH!!
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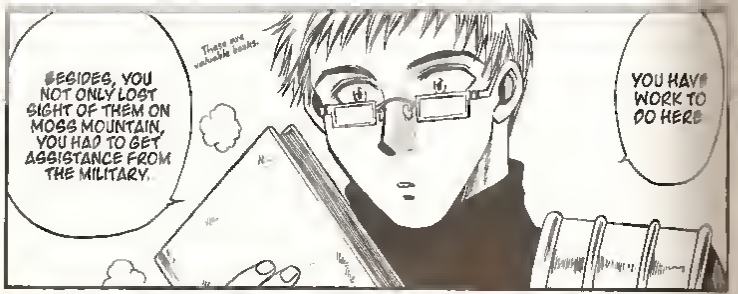
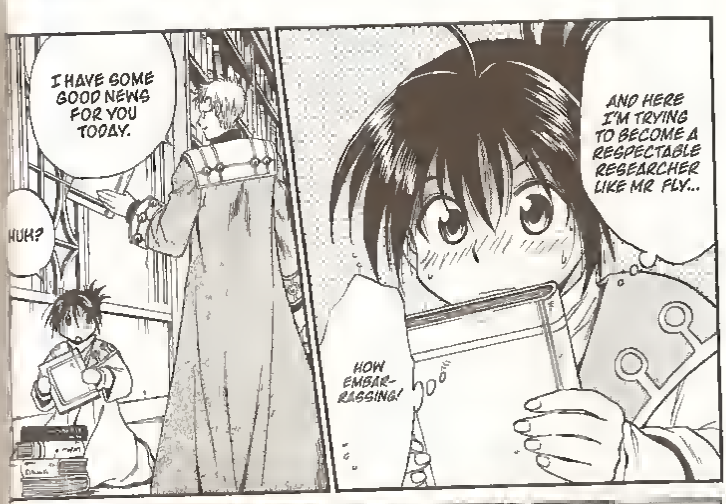
I SEE YOU'RE WORKING HARD, MARCA!
OOF!
BE CAREFUL WITH THE BOOKS, OKAY?
I-I'M SORRY!
FUU
GAAH!
GYAAH!

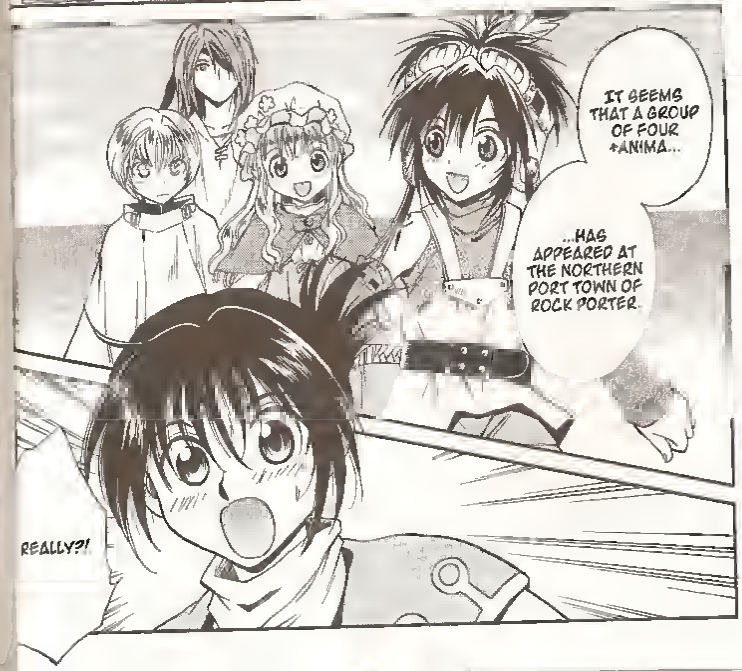
I'M ON MY WAY!
I HAVE TO GO THERE!
MARCA.

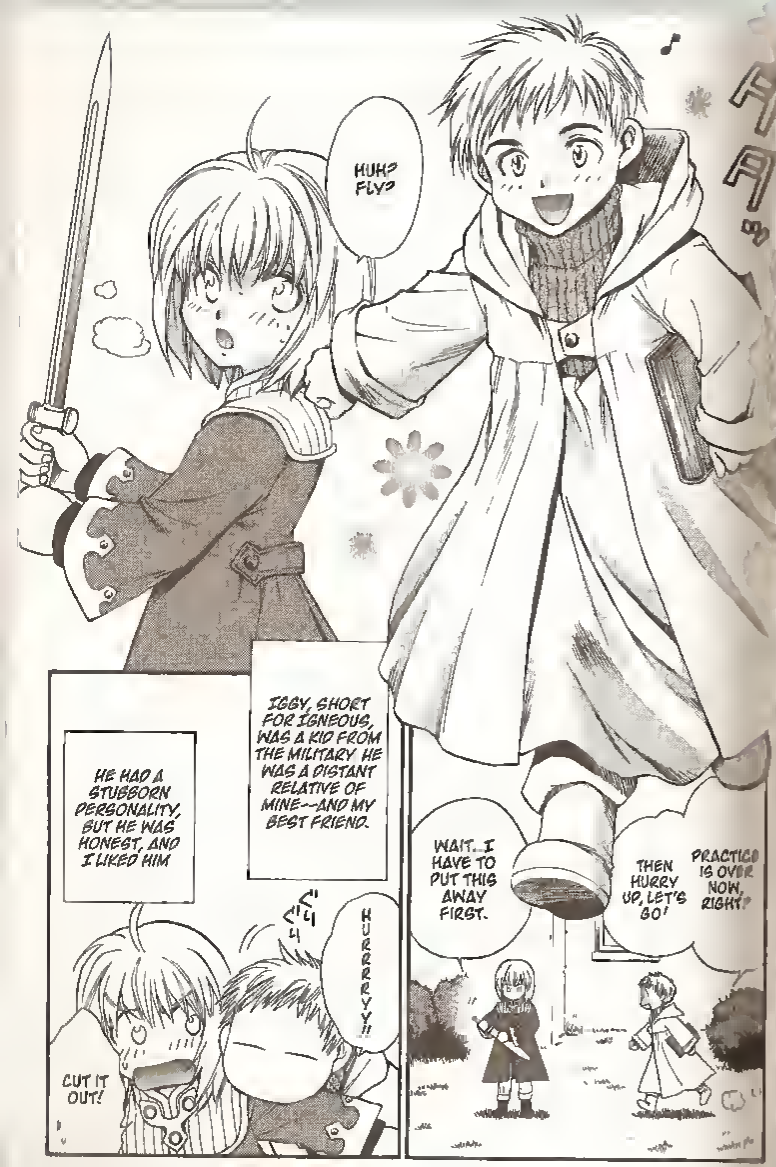

BESIDES, YOU NOT ONLY LOST SIGHT OF THEM ON MOSS MOUNTAIN, YOU HAD TO GET ASSISTANCE FROM THE MILITARY.
There are valuable books.
YOU HAVE WORK TO DO HERE

I'M GLAD YOU'RE MY ASSISTANT SINCE YOU LIKE +ANIMA SO MUCH
Grin
HUH?

AND THAT WAS ORIGINALLY MY +ANIMA SAMPLE.
Whisper
I GUESS IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT THEY WON'T LET ME BACK OUT INTO THE FIELD
OH YEAH. THAT'S RIGHT..

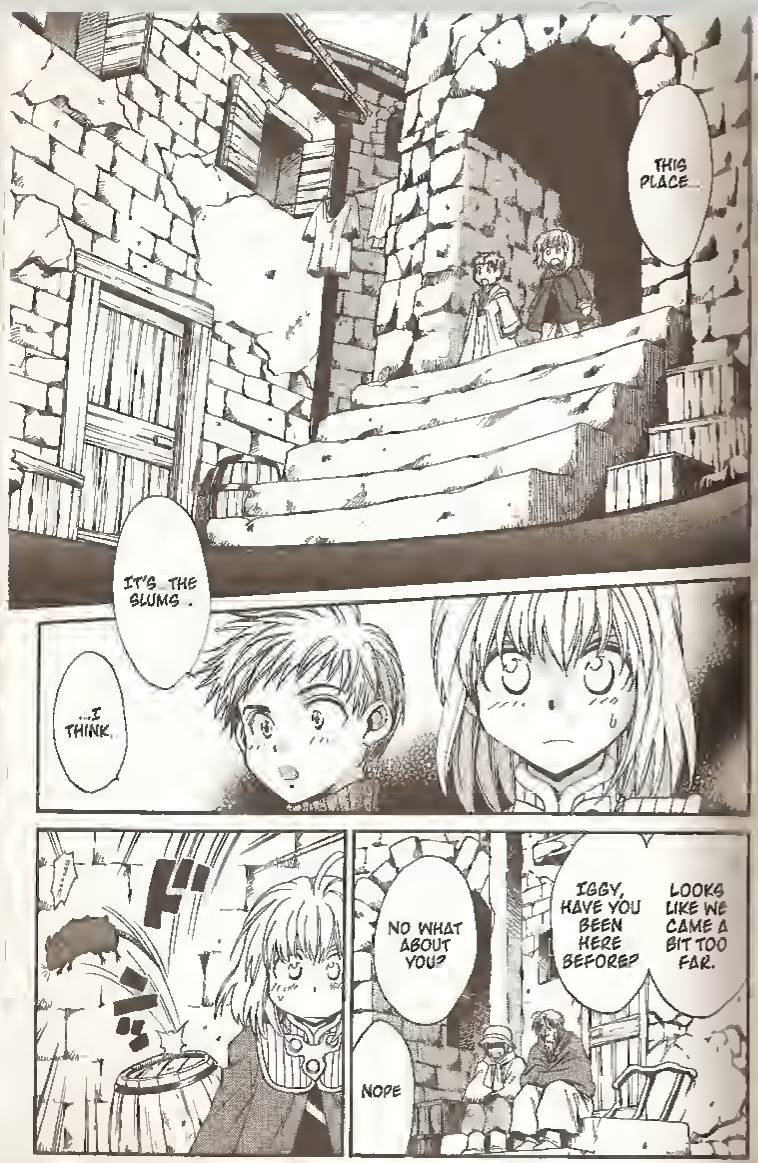

I HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS FOR YOU TODAY.
HUH?
AND HERE I'M TRYING TO BECOME A RESPECTABLE RESEARCHER LIKE MR FLY...
HOW EMBARRASSING!

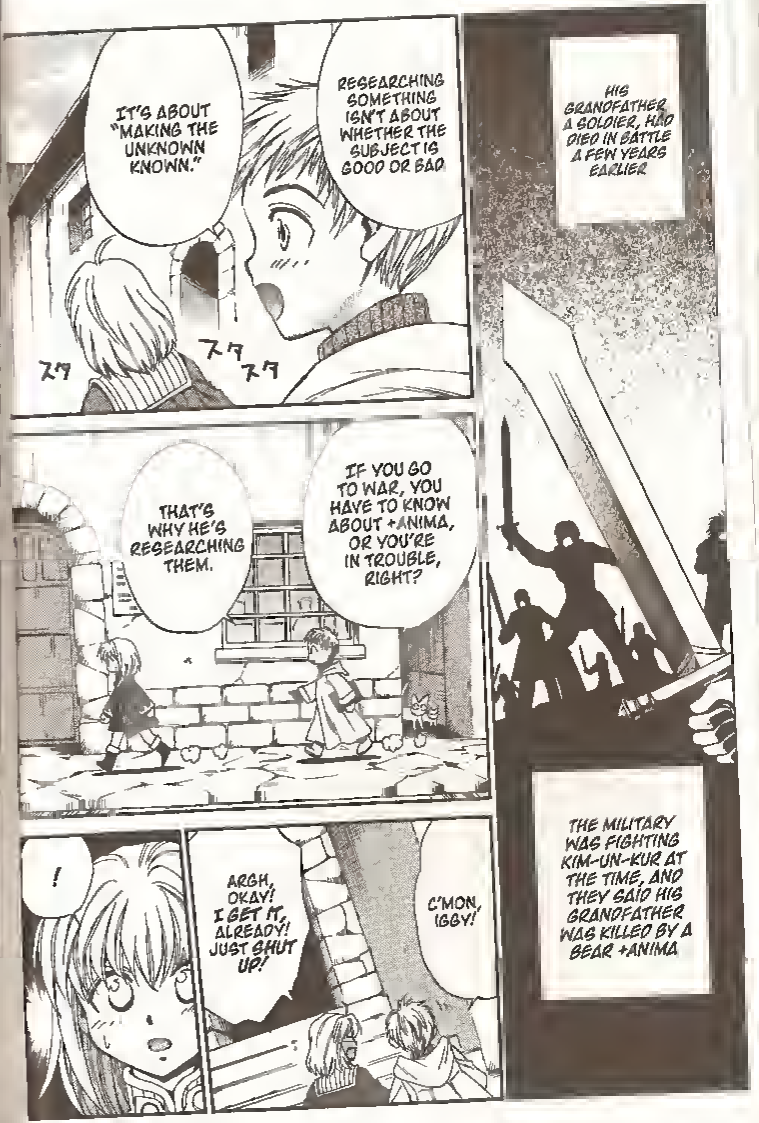

IT SEEMS THAT A GROUP OF FOUR +ANIMA...
...HAS APPEARED AT THE NORTHERN PORT TOWN OF ROCK PORTER.
REALLY?!

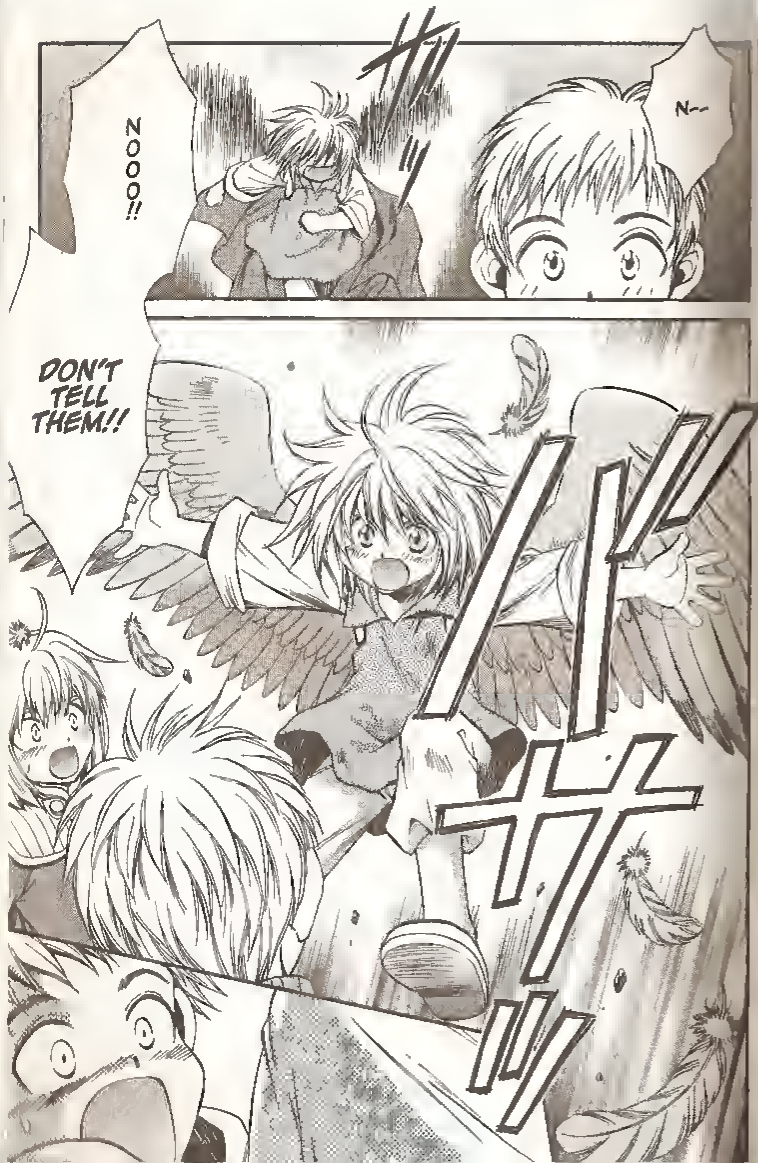

HUH? FLY?
IGGY, SHORT FOR IGNEOUS, WAS A KID FROM THE MILITARY. HE WAS A DISTANT RELATIVE OF MINE—AND MY BEST FRIEND.
HE HAD A STUBBORN PERSONALITY, BUT HE WAS HONEST, AND I LIKED HIM
HURRRY!!
CUT IT OUT!
WAIT. I HAVE TO PUT THIS AWAY FIRST.
THEN HURRY UP, LET'S GO!
PRACTICE IS OVER NOW, RIGHT?

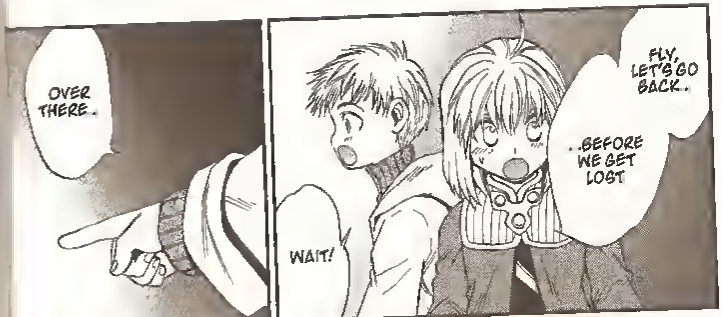
I'M REALLY FASCINATED BY +ANIMA!
I DECIDED TO COME TO THIS FACILITY AFTER READING AARON NEWT'S BOOKS!
WHY DID YOU START RESEARCHING +ANIMA, MR. FLY?
HMM
IGGY, IS THAT YOU?

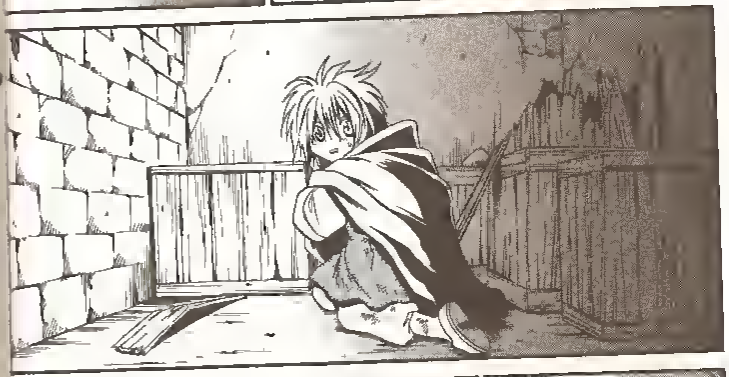
WHERE ARE WE GOING TODAY?
LET'S GO CHECK OUT THE OTHER SIDE OF EMERY STREET!
AROUND THE TIME WE TURNED TEN, OUR FAVORITE GAME WAS EXPLORING ASTAR
THE HUGE ROYAL CAPITAL WAS JUST LIKE AN UNCHARTED FOREST.
OH!
DON'T BRING THAT BOOK ALONG!
IT'LL GET IN THE WAY!
BUT I GOT THIS BOOK FROM MR AARON.
IT'S A BOOK ON LIFE SCIENCE ♪
AARON?
EVERYONE CALLS HIM A FREAK. DID YOU GO TO HIS LAB AGAIN?
IT'S SO INTER-ESTING.
RIGHT NOW HE'S BUSY WITH STUDYING +ANIMA.
+ANIMA?!
HE REALLY IS A FREAK!!
OH... OOPS.
IGNEOUS HAD A REASON FOR GETTING SO MAD.

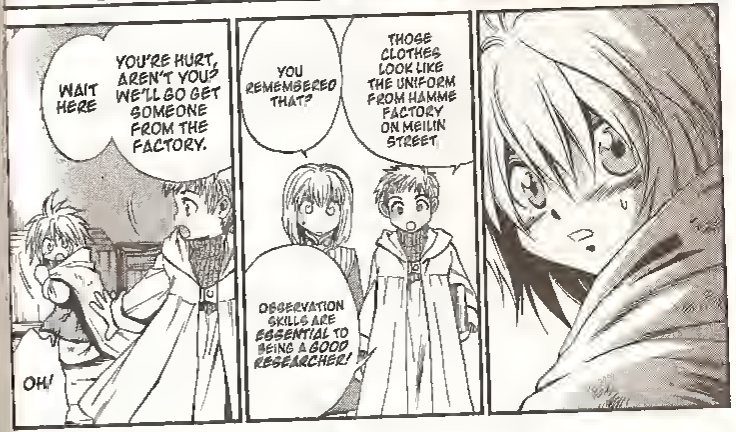

THIS PLACE...
IT'S...THE SLUMS.
...I THINK.
!
NO WHAT ABOUT YOU?
NOPE
IGGY, HAVE YOU BEEN HERE BEFORE?
LOOKS LIKE WE CAME A BIT TOO FAR.

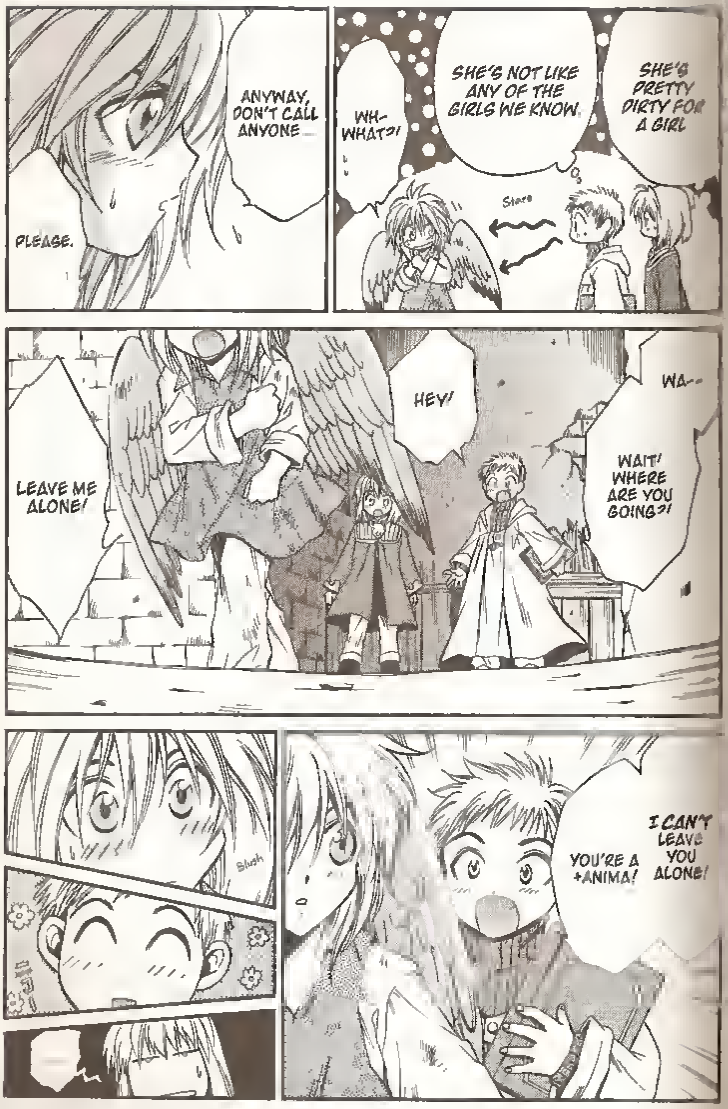

IT'S ABOUT "MAKING THE UNKNOWN KNOWN."
RESEARCHING SOMETHING ISN'T ABOUT WHETHER THE SUBJECT IS GOOD OR BAD.
THAT'S WHY HE'S RESEARCHING THEM.
IF YOU GO TO WAR, YOU HAVE TO KNOW ABOUT +ANIMA, OR YOU'RE IN TROUBLE, RIGHT?
!
ARGH, OKAY! I GET IT, ALREADY! JUST SHUT UP!
C'MON, IGGY!
HIS GRANDFATHER A SOLDIER, HAD DIED IN BATTLE A FEW YEARS EARLIER
THE MILITARY WAS FIGHTING KIM-UN-KUR AT THE TIME, AND THEY SAID HIS GRANDFATHER WAS KILLED BY A BEAR +ANIMA


N--
NOOO!!
DON'T TELL THEM!!


OVER THERE.
WAIT!
.BEFORE WE GET LOST
FLY, LET'S GO BACK.




WAIT HERE
YOU'RE HURT, AREN'T YOU? WE'LL GO GET SOMEONE FROM THE FACTORY.
OH!
YOU REMEMBERED THAT?
THOSE CLOTHES LOOK LIKE THE UNIFORM FROM HAMME FACTORY ON MEILIN STREET
OBSERVATION SKILLS ARE ESSENTIAL TO BEING A GOOD RESEARCHER!


ANYWAY, DON'T CALL ANYONE...
PLEASE.
WH-WHAT?!
SHE'S NOT LIKE ANY OF THE GIRLS WE KNOW.
SHE'S PRETTY DIRTY FOR A GIRL
Stare
HEY!
WA--
LEAVE ME ALONE!
WAIT! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
Stuck
I CAN'T LEAVE YOU ALONE!
YOU'RE A +ANIMA!

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.....
+ANIMA
IT'S A +ANIMA!
!
EEK?
EEEK!!
WHAT IS A +ANIMA DOING IN ASTAR?!
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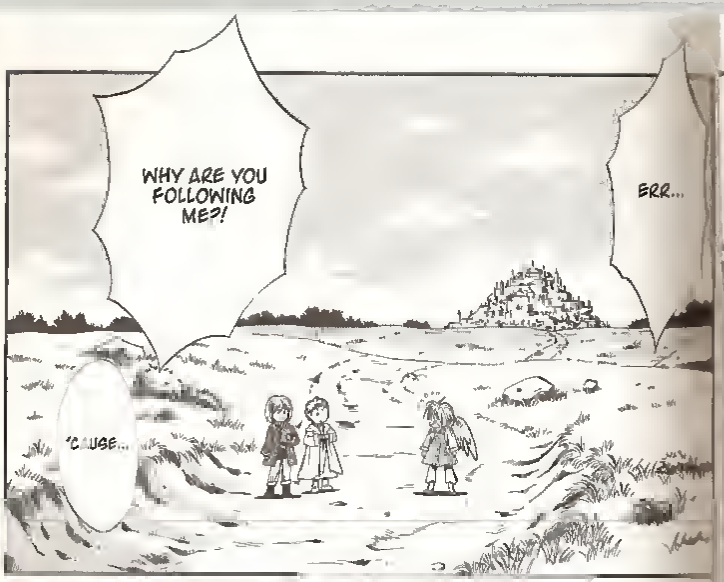
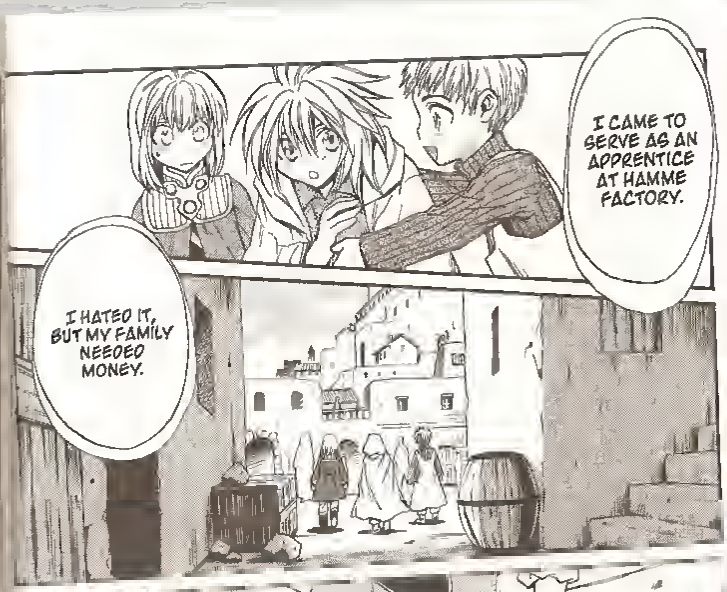
OH!!
YOU'RE A GIRL?!
HUH? YOU'RE RIGHT!

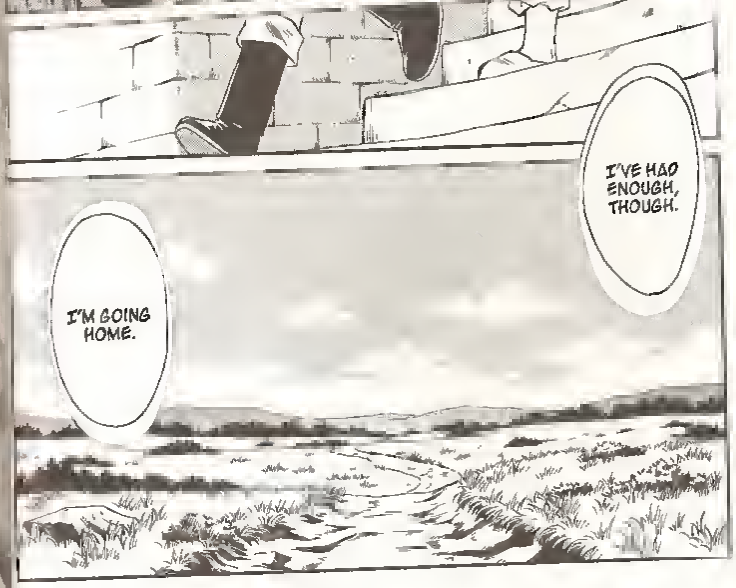

WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME?!
ERR...
'CAUSE...

I DUNNO...
CAN'T YOU PUT YOUR WINGS AWAY?

PIGEON?
THEY'RE PIGEON WINGS, AREN'T THEY?

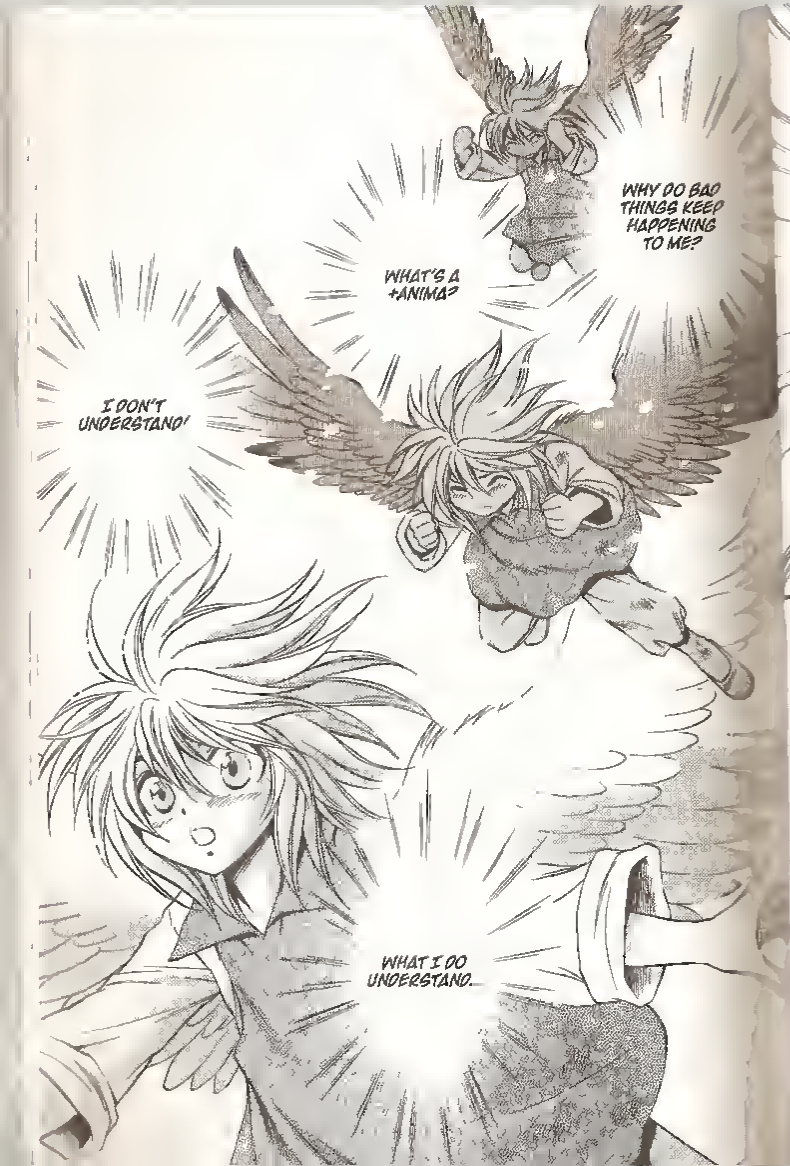
WE'RE WORRIED.
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE HURT, ISN'T IT?
...YOU HAVE WINGS, BUT YOU'RE NOT JUST FLYING AWAY.

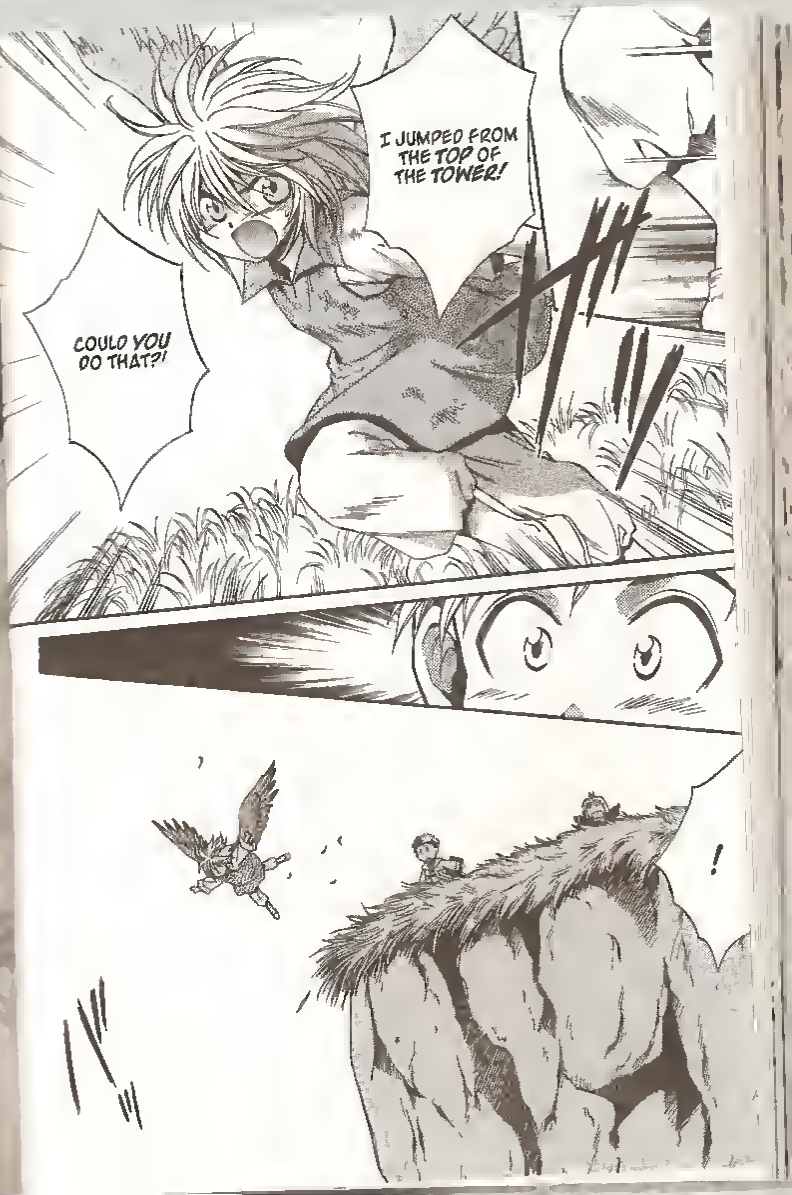

I CAME TO SERVE AS AN APPRENTICE AT HAMME FACTORY.
I HATED IT, BUT MY FAMILY NEEDED MONEY.


I'VE HAD ENOUGH, THOUGH.
I'M GOING HOME.

ANGELS? YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!
+ANIMA...
THERE WERE LOTS OF PIGEONS AROUND THE FACTORY.
I GUESS I DID THINK, "IF ONLY I HAD WINGS LIKE THOSE PIGEONS."
I HEAR THERE ARE +ANIMA OF ALL SORTS OF DIFFERENT ANIMALS!
LIKE DEER AND RABBITS AND WOLVES!
BUT I LIKE BIRDS BEST! WITH THEIR WINGS..
...THEY'RE LIKE ANGELS, DON'T YOU THINK?
ANGELS?
...ARE JUST BEASTS!
BEASTS?
THERE ARE EVEN GODS THAT TAKE THE FORM OF ANIMALS, YOU KNOW.
NOT IN ASTARIA! THEY'RE BEASTS! DEVILS!
WELL? WHICH IS IT?

HOW?
I DON'T KNOW MYSELF
THERE WERE MEAN KIDS AT THE FACTORY.
..YOU WERE A NORMAL GIRL AT FIRST?
HOW DID YOU BECOME A +ANIMA?
HUH? THEN
BUT I KEPT WORKING HARD FOR MY FAMILY.
THEY DID BAD THINGS TO ME EVERY DAY.
AWW!
IF I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT MYSELF, THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD.
AND THEN~
YOU'VE HURT HER FEELINGS, IGNEOUS! YOU'RE MEAN!
I DON'T SAY THINGS ARE BAD WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THEM!
SHOCK
MEANY!
WERE YOU BORN A +ANIMA?
N-NO!
HEY!
WAIT!!
Shock Shock


WHY DO BAD THINGS KEEP HAPPENING TO ME?
WHAT'S A +ANIMA?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
WHAT I DO UNDERSTAND...


I JUMPED FROM THE TOP OF THE TOWER!
COULD YOU DO THAT?!
!

HUH..?
!
GRAB!
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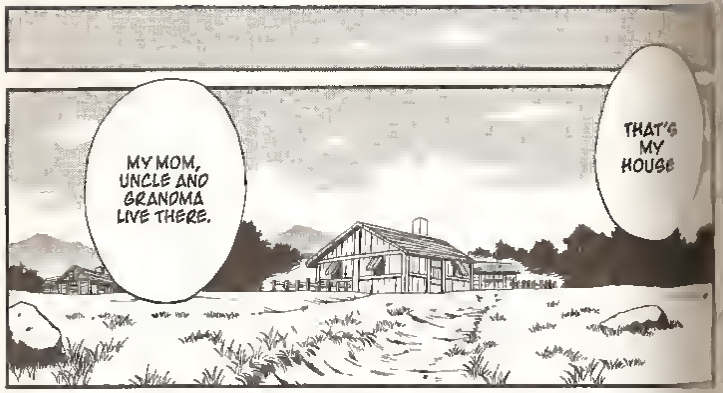
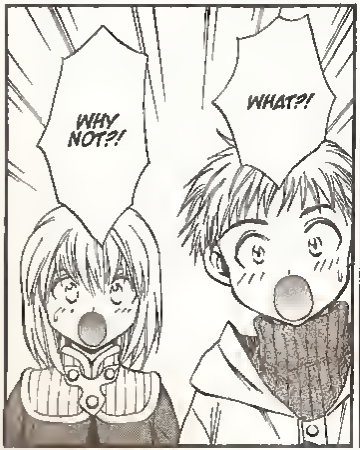
...IS THAT I'M ALIVE RIGHT NOW.


THAT'S MY HOUSE
MY MOM, UNCLE AND GRANDMA LIVE THERE.

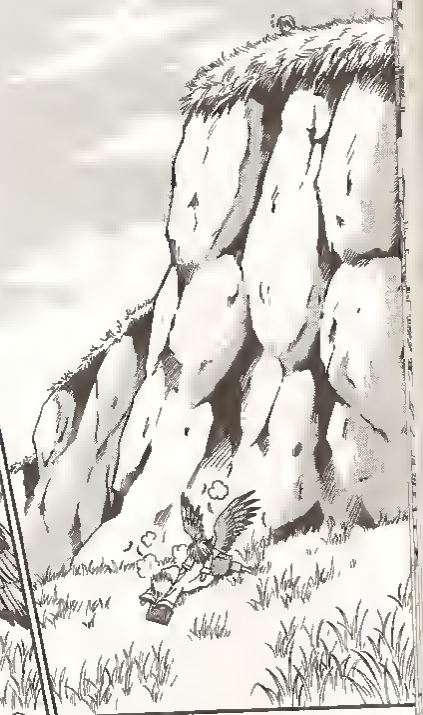
GREAT! NOW YOU CAN RELAX.
DON'T YOU WANT TO HURRY AND SEE YOUR FAMILY?

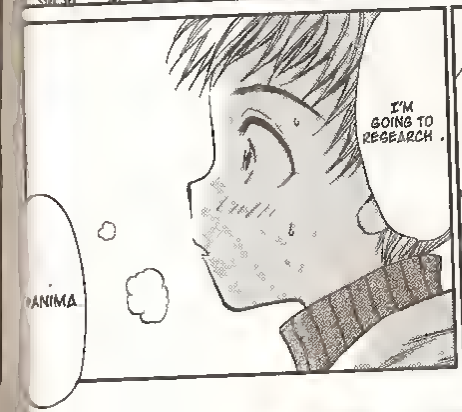

WHAT?!
WHY NOT?!

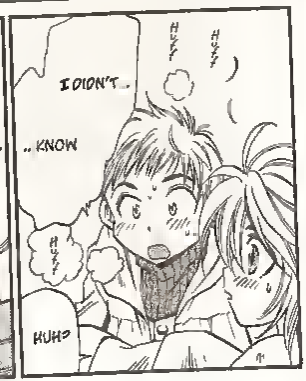
I'M NOT GOING BACK TO MY HOUSE

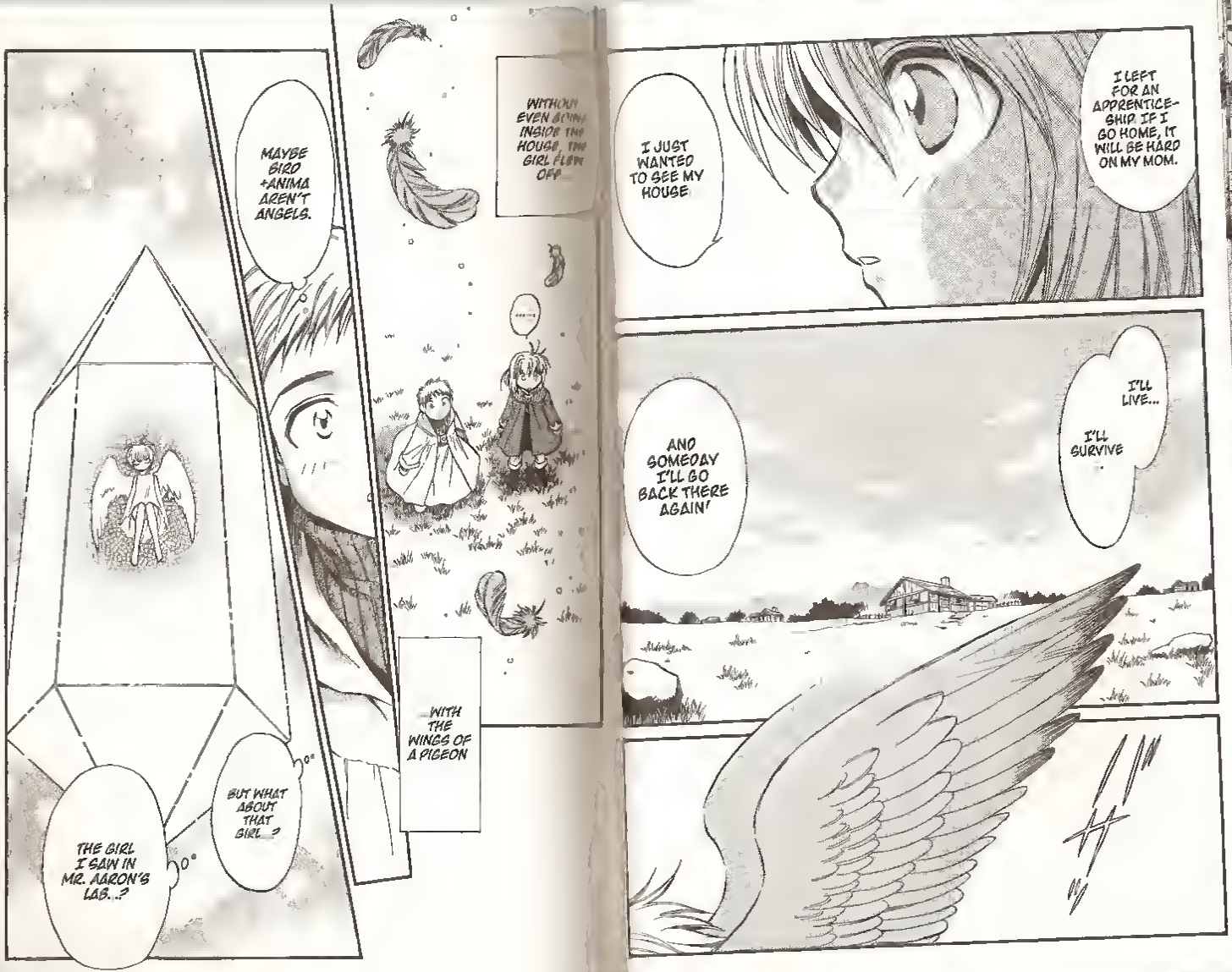
HEY, ARE YOU OKAY?!

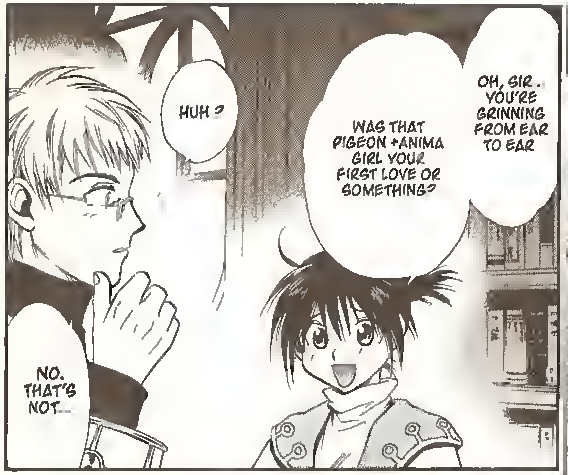
YOU IDIOT!!
WHAT WERE YOU DOING?!

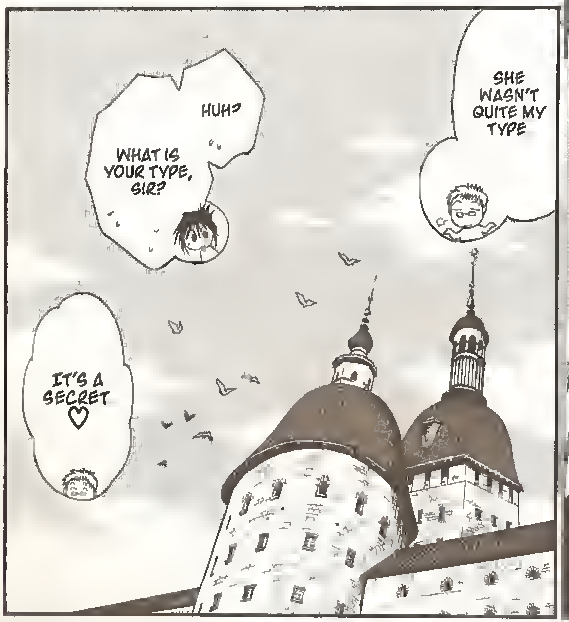



I'M GOING TO RESEARCH ANIMA

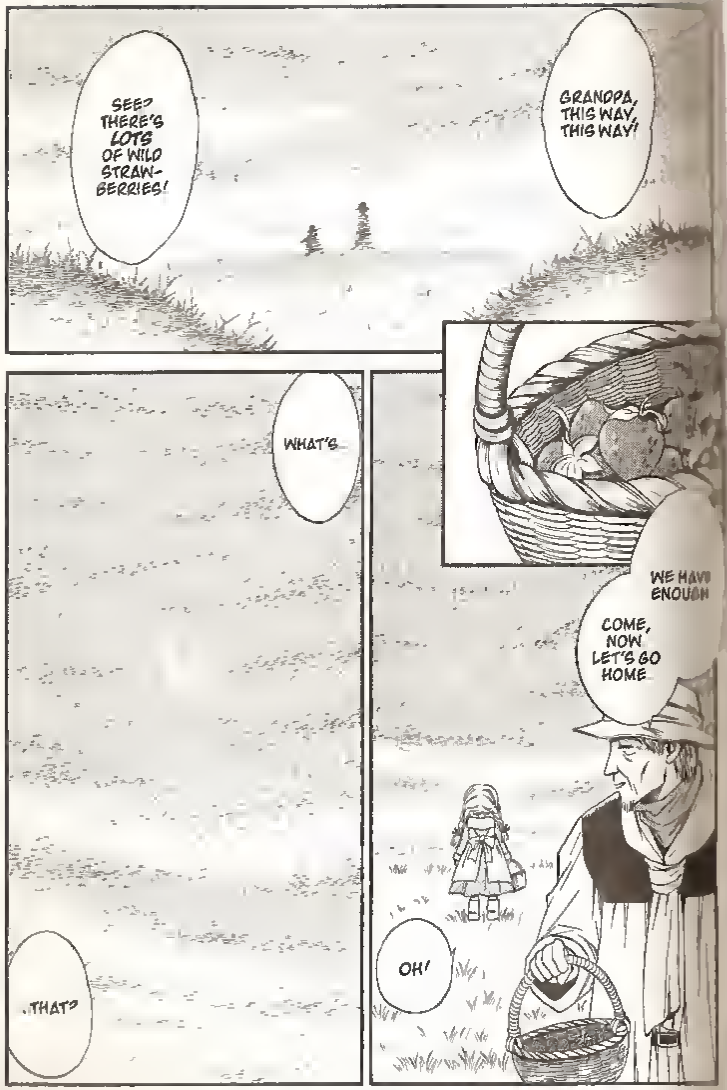

I DION'T .. KNOW
HUH?

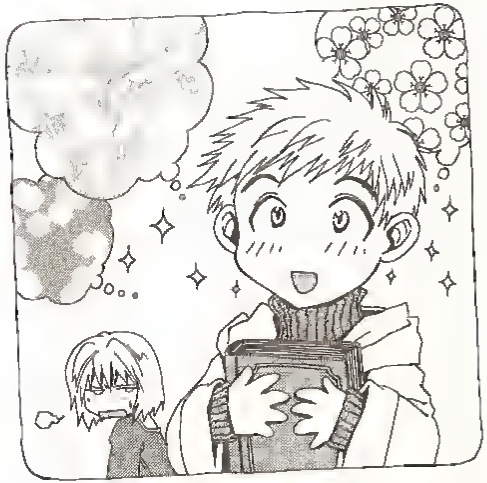

I LEFT FOR AN APPRENTICE-SHIP. IF I GO HOME, IT WILL BE HARD ON MY MOM.
I JUST WANTED TO SEE MY HOUSE.
I'LL LIVE...
I'LL SURVIVE
AND SOMEDAY I'LL GO BACK THERE AGAIN!
WITHOUT EVEN GOING INSIDE THE HOUSE, THE GIRL FLEW OFF...
.....
...WITH THE WINGS OF A PIGEON
MAYBE BIRD +ANIMA AREN'T ANGELS.
BUT WHAT ABOUT THAT GIRL...?
THE GIRL I SAW IN MR. AARON'S LAB...?


HUH?
WAS THAT PIGEON +ANIMA GIRL YOUR FIRST LOVE OR SOMETHING?
OH, SIR.. YOU'RE GRINNING FROM EAR TO EAR
NO. THAT'S NOT...


HUH?
WHAT IS YOUR TYPE, SIR?
SHE WASN'T QUITE MY TYPE
IT'S A SECRET ♡

BLANCA...

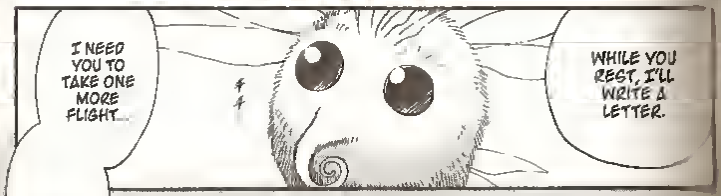




My dream is to be a scholar.

Chapter 47
The Angel's Lake—Part 1

HMM...
AN ANGEL..
THERE, THERE
I'LL GET YOU SOME HONEY TEA.


I NEED YOU TO TAKE ONE MORE FLIGHT...
WHILE YOU REST, I'LL WRITE A LETTER.

TO FANTALE.

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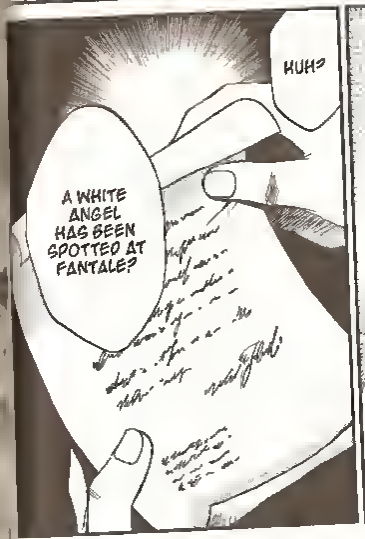
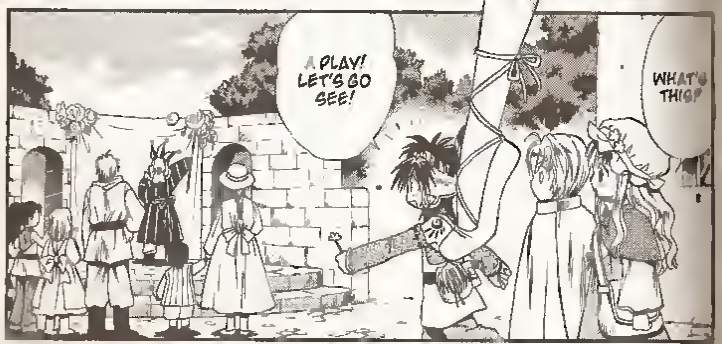
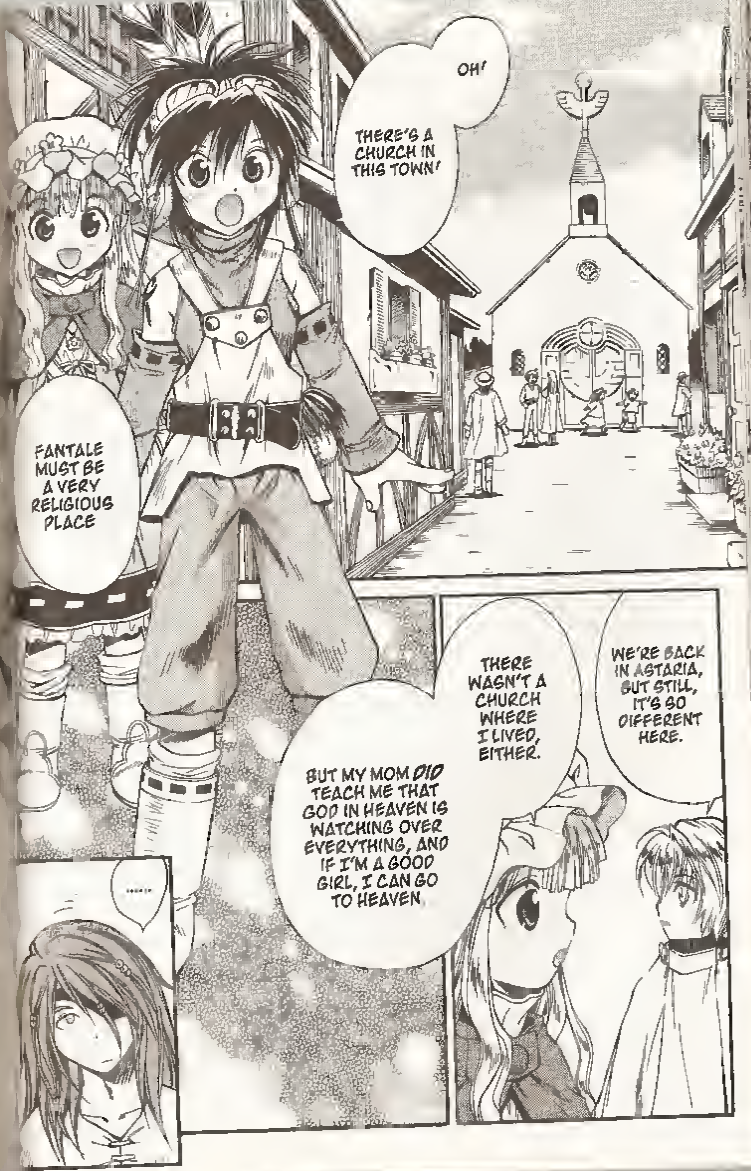

HUH?
A WHITE ANGEL HAS BEEN SPOTTED AT FANTALE?

HI THERE
A LETTER FROM FLIO?

ENJOY THE MUSIC! ENJOY THE PERFORMANCE!
COME SEE THE ALALQAN TROUPE!


A PLAY! LET'S GO SEE!
WHAT'S THIS?


OH!
THERE'S A CHURCH IN THIS TOWN!
FANTALE MUST BE A VERY RELIGIOUS PLACE
BUT MY MOM DID TEACH ME THAT GOD IN HEAVEN IS WATCHING OVER EVERYTHING, AND IF I'M A GOOD GIRL, I CAN GO TO HEAVEN.
THERE WASN'T A CHURCH WHERE I LIVED, EITHER.
WE'RE BACK IN ASTARIA, BUT STILL, IT'S SO DIFFERENT HERE.
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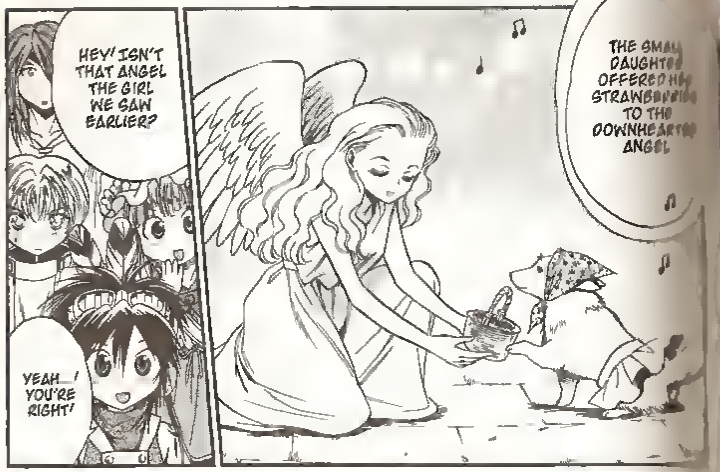
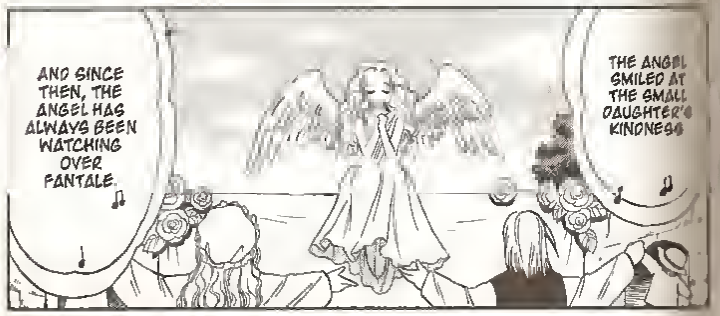
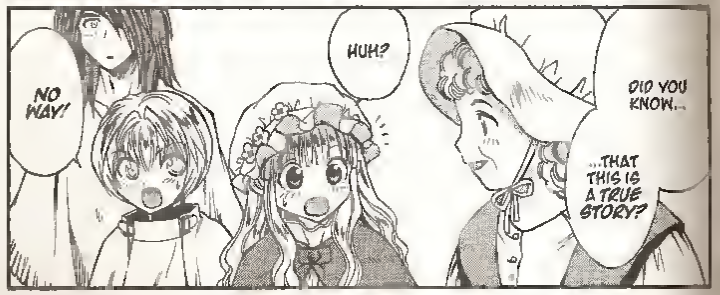
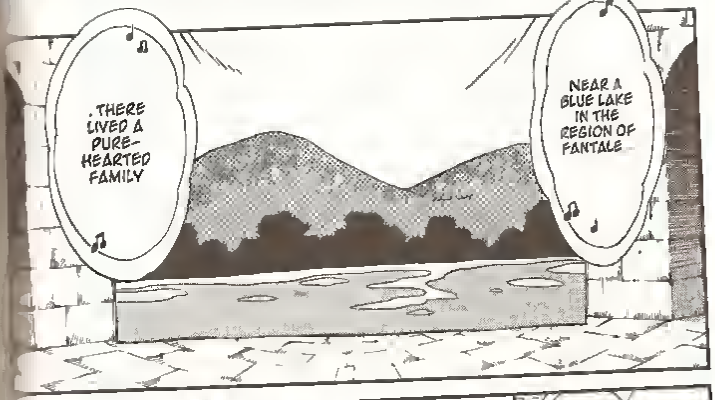
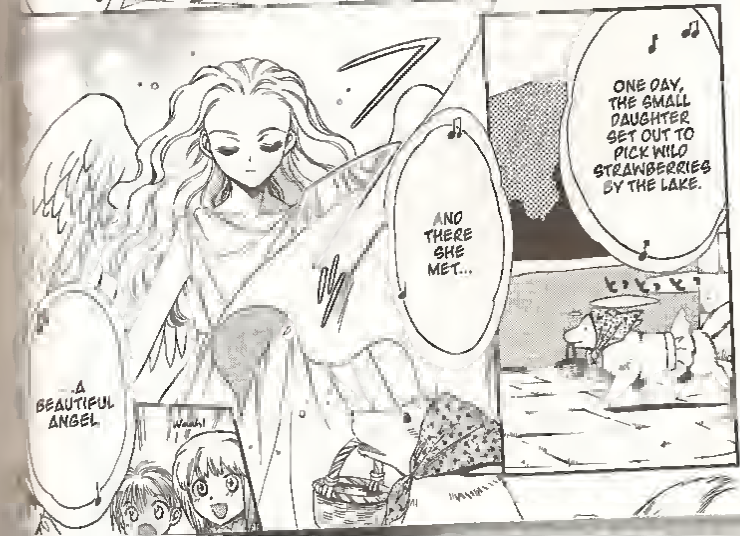

HEY! ISN'T THAT ANGEL THE GIRL WE SAW EARLIER?
YEAH...! YOU'RE RIGHT!
THE SMALL DAUGHTER OFFERED HER STRAWBERRIES TO THE DOWNHEARTED ANGEL

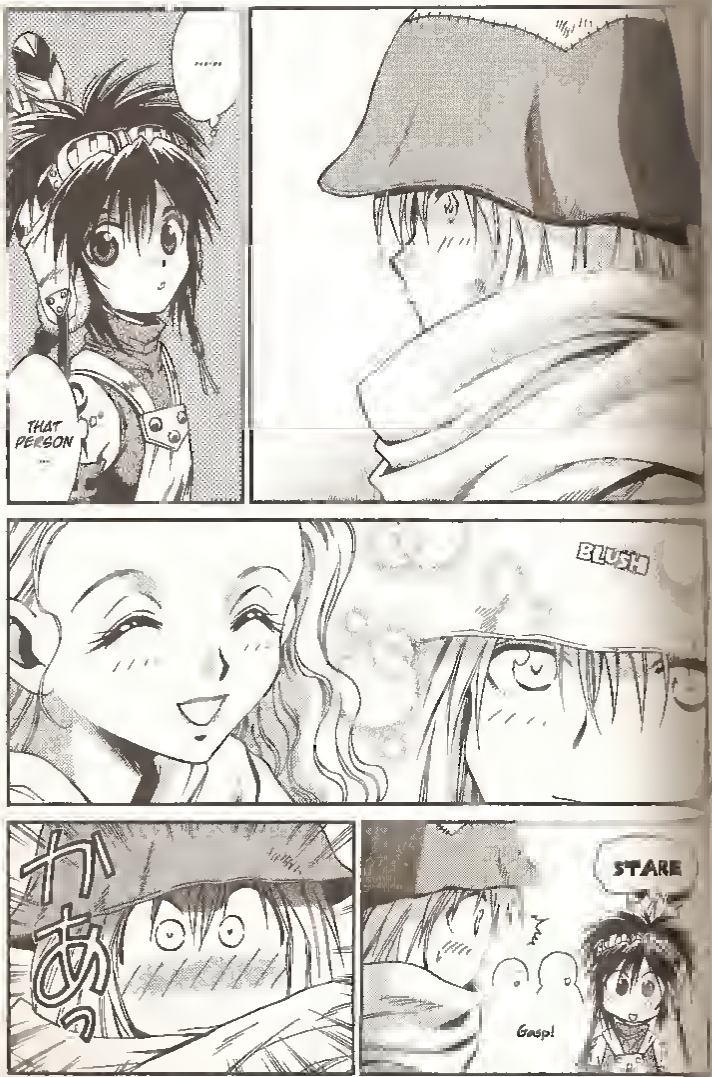

AND SINCE THEN, THE ANGEL HAS ALWAYS BEEN WATCHING OVER FANTALE.
THE ANGEL SMILED AT THE SMALL DAUGHTER'S KINDNESS

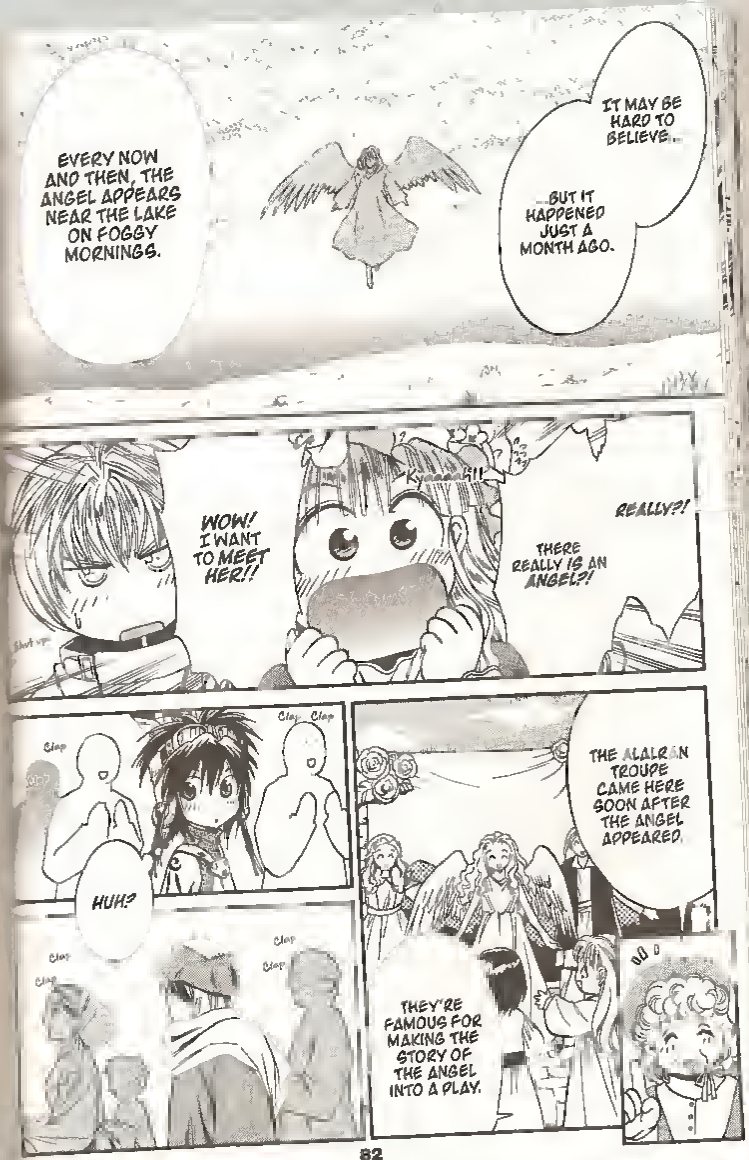

NO WAY!
HUH?
DID YOU KNOW...
...THAT THIS IS A TRUE STORY?


...THERE LIVED A PURE-HEARTED FAMILY
NEAR A BLUE LAKE IN THE REGION OF FANTALE...

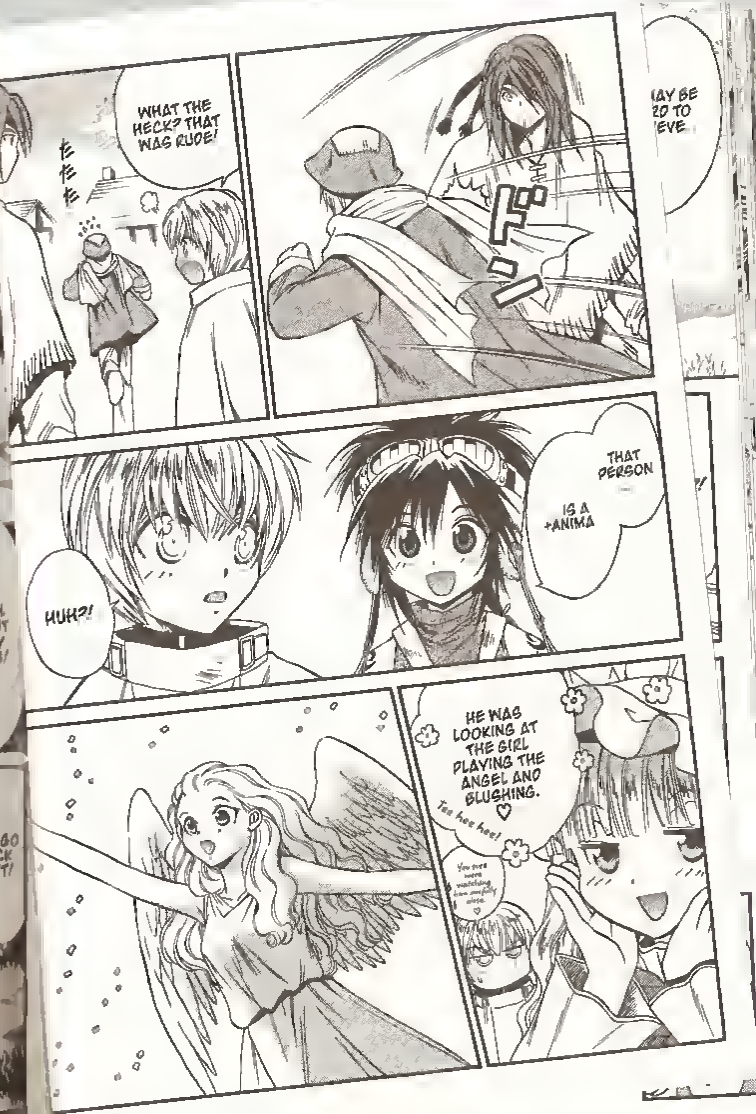
EVERY DAY WAS A HAPPY ONE. EVERY DAY THEY GAVE THANKS TO GOD.
A SMALL SON AND A SMALL DAUGHTER...
A MOTHER AND A FATHER...
A GRANDFATHER AND A GRANDMOTHER...

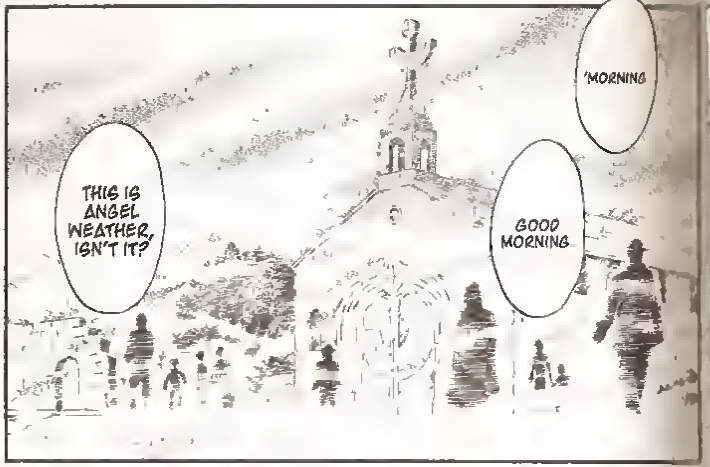

ONE DAY, THE SMALL DAUGHTER SET OUT TO PICK WILD STRAWBERRIES BY THE LAKE.
AND THERE SHE MET...
...A BEAUTIFUL ANGEL
Wow!


.....
THAT PERSON...
BLUSH
STARE
Gasp!

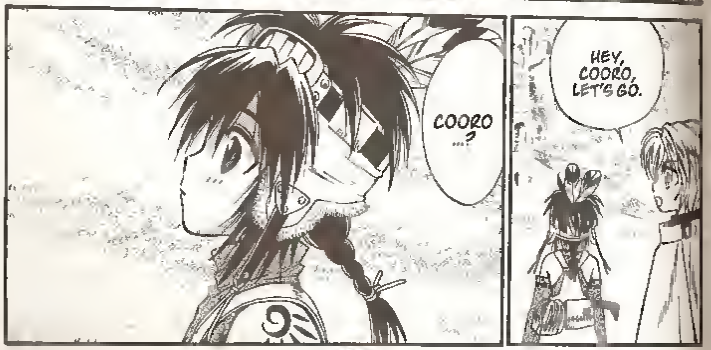

EVERY NOW AND THEN, THE ANGEL APPEARS NEAR THE LAKE ON FOGGY MORNINGS.
IT MAY BE HARD TO BELIEVE...
...BUT IT HAPPENED JUST A MONTH AGO.
WOW! I WANT TO MEET HER!!
REALLY?!
THERE REALLY IS AN ANGEL?!
Clap
HUH?
THE ALALRAN TROUPE CAME HERE SOON AFTER THE ANGEL APPEARED.
THEY'RE FAMOUS FOR MAKING THE STORY OF THE ANGEL INTO A PLAY.

MIRANDA
THE TOWNSPEOPLE SAID THE FOG MIGHT COME OUT TOMORROW!
THE ANGEL COMES OUT ON FOGGY MORNINGS!
AN ANGEL? HMM...
YEAH! SOUNDS INTERESTING!
LET'S GO CHECK IT OUT!
OKAY? OKAY?

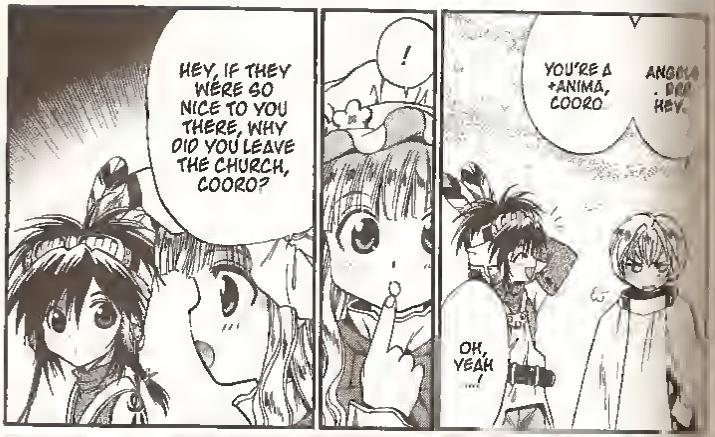

WHAT THE HECK? THAT WAS RUDE!
THAT PERSON IS A +ANIMA
HUH?!
HE WAS LOOKING AT THE GIRL PLAYING THE ANGEL AND BLUSHING.
Tee hee hee!

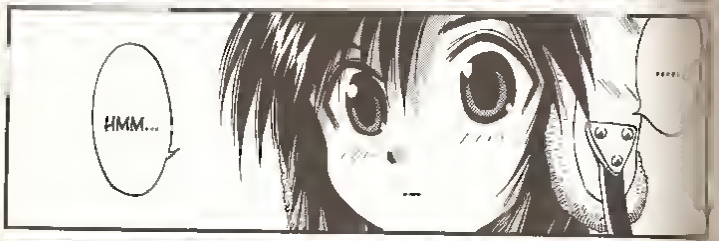

THIS IS ANGEL WEATHER, ISN'T IT?
GOOD MORNING
'MORNING

There are so many people!
WOW!
THIS IS A RELIGIOUS TOWN, ALL RIGHT!


COORO ...?
HEY, COORO, LET'S GO.

IT'S OKAY...
Mutter
Mutter
IT'S OKAY
IT'S OKAY
IT'S OKAY!


HEY, IF THEY WERE SO NICE TO YOU THERE, WHY DID YOU LEAVE THE CHURCH, COORO?
!
YOU'RE A +ANIMA, COORO.
ANGEL. RIGHT. HEY.
OH, YEAH ...!


HMM...
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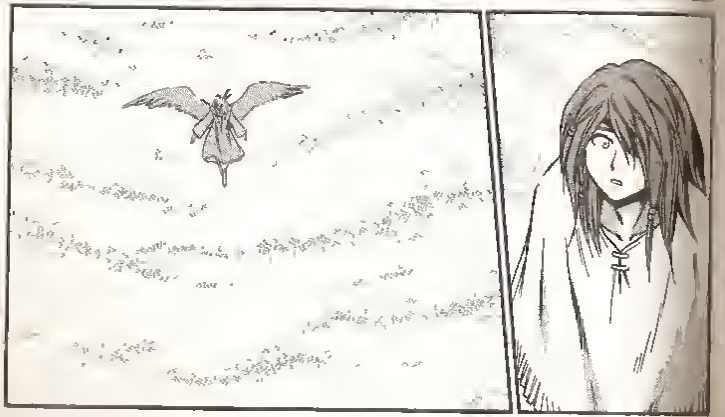
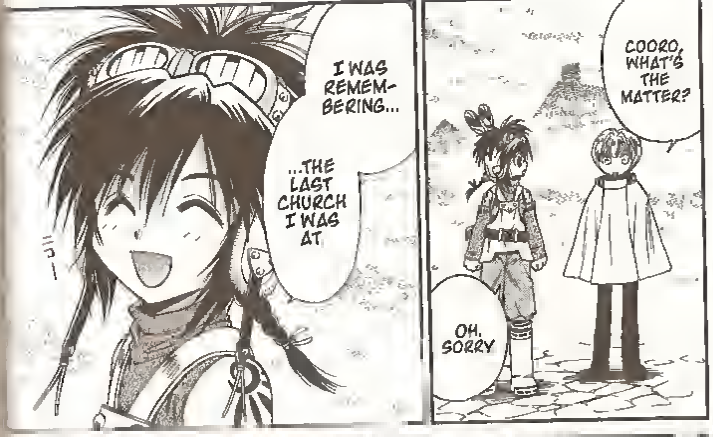
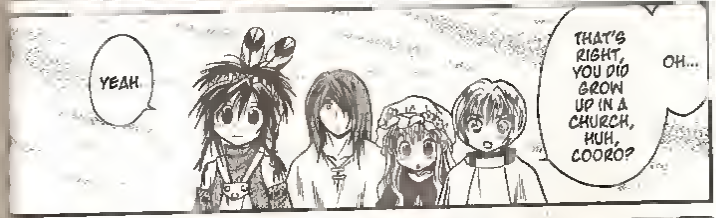
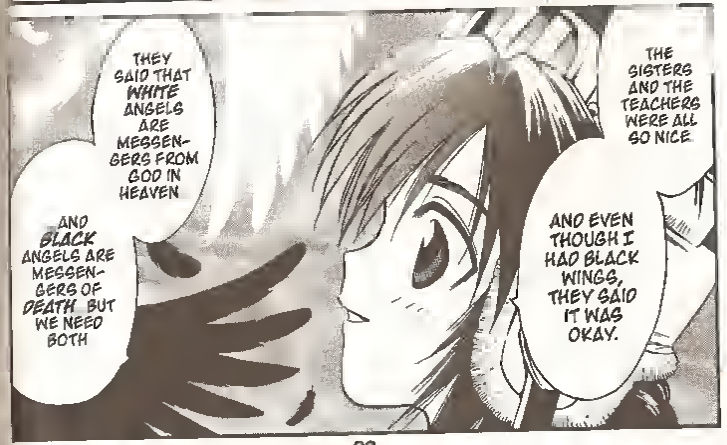
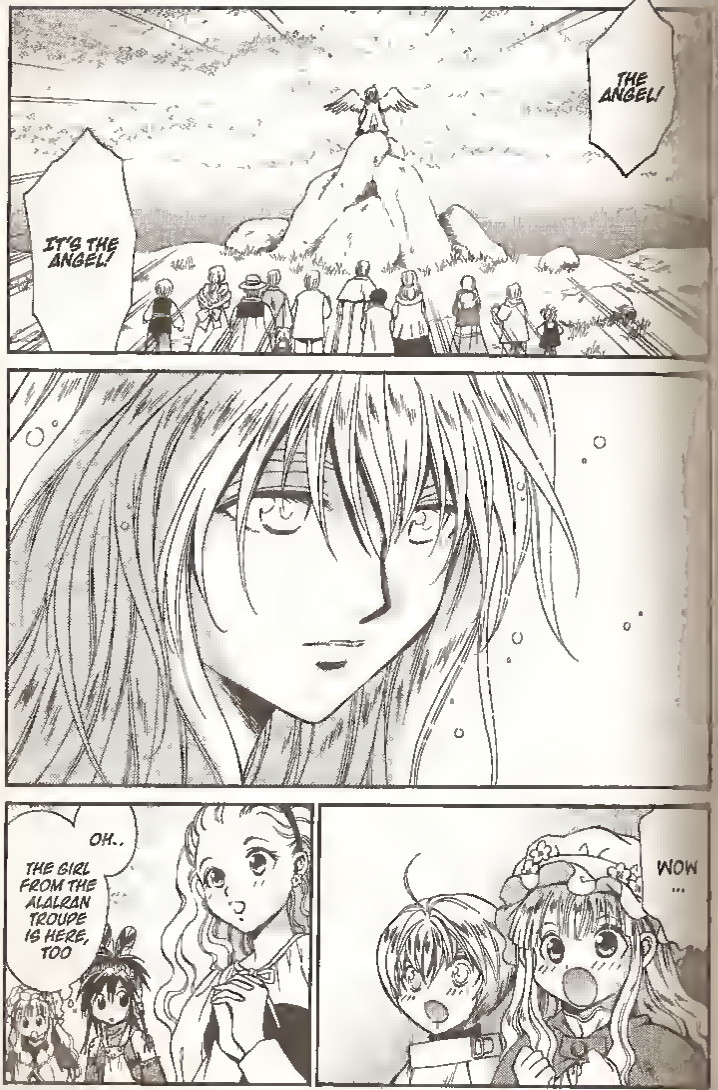
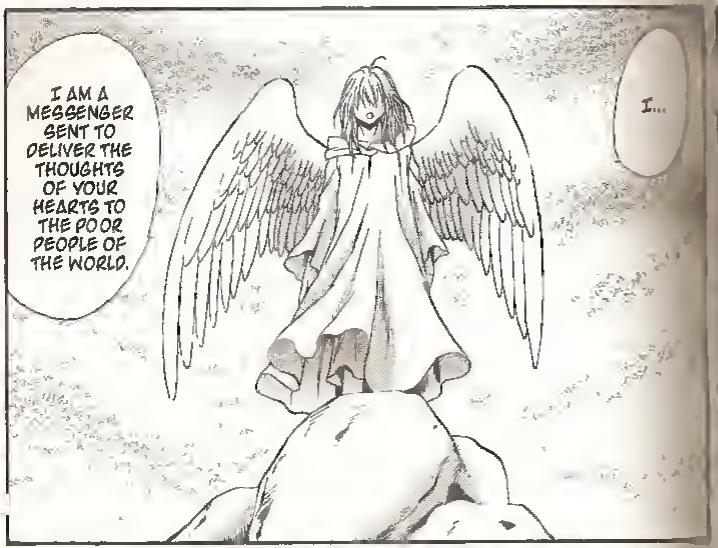


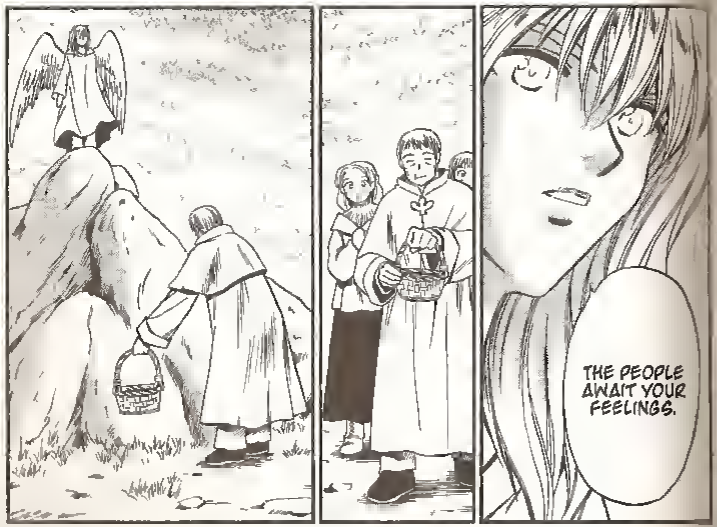

I WAS REMEMBERING...
...THE LAST CHURCH I WAS AT.
COORO, WHAT'S THE MATTER?
OH, SORRY

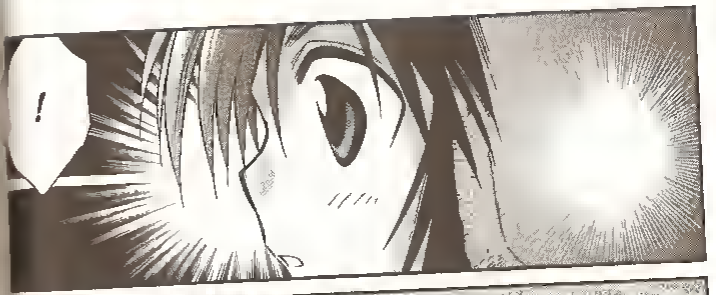

YEAH.
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU DID GROW UP IN A CHURCH, HUH, COORO?
OH...


THEY SAID THAT WHITE ANGELS ARE MESSENGERS FROM GOD IN HEAVEN
AND BLACK ANGELS ARE MESSENGERS OF DEATH. BUT WE NEED BOTH
THE SISTERS AND THE TEACHERS WERE ALL SO NICE
AND EVEN THOUGH I HAD BLACK WINGS, THEY SAID IT WAS OKAY.


IT'S THE ANGEL!
THE ANGEL!
OH..
THE GIRL FROM THE ALALRAN TROUPE IS HERE, TOO
WOW ...


I AM A MESSENGER SENT TO DELIVER THE THOUGHTS OF YOUR HEARTS TO THE POOR PEOPLE OF THE WORLD.
I...


THE PEOPLE AWAIT YOUR FEELINGS.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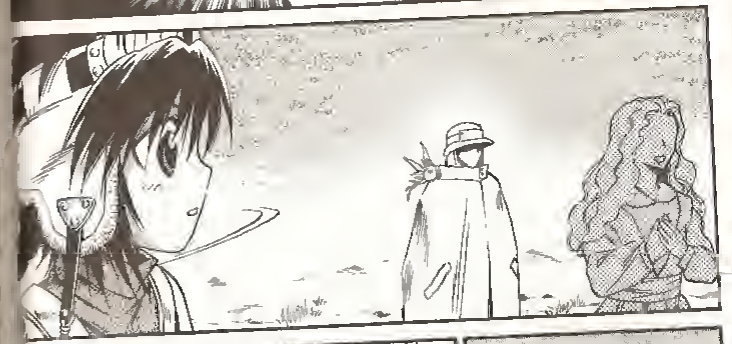
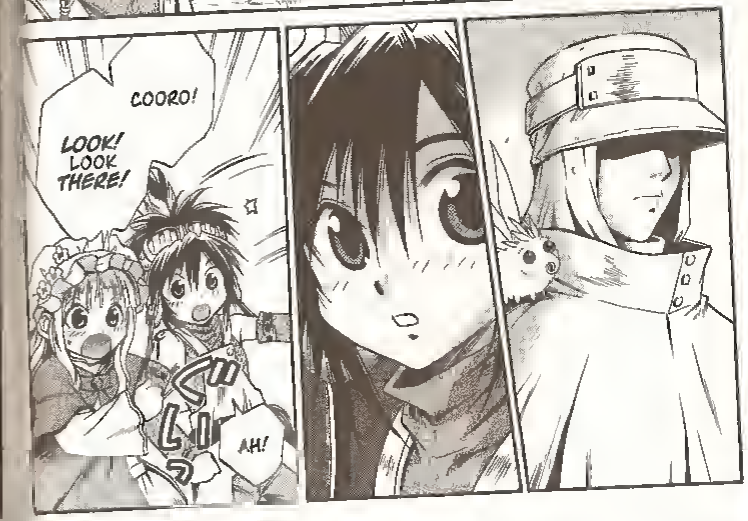
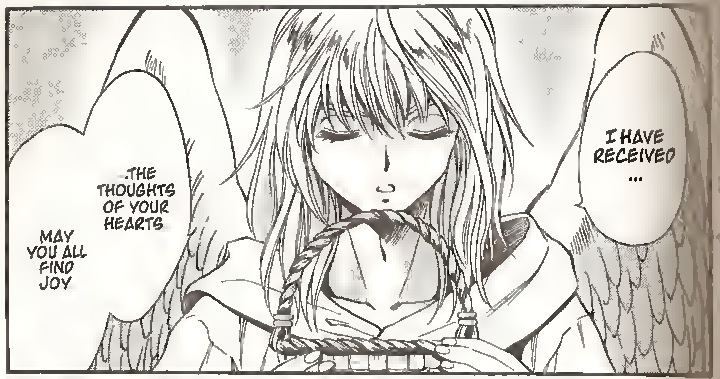
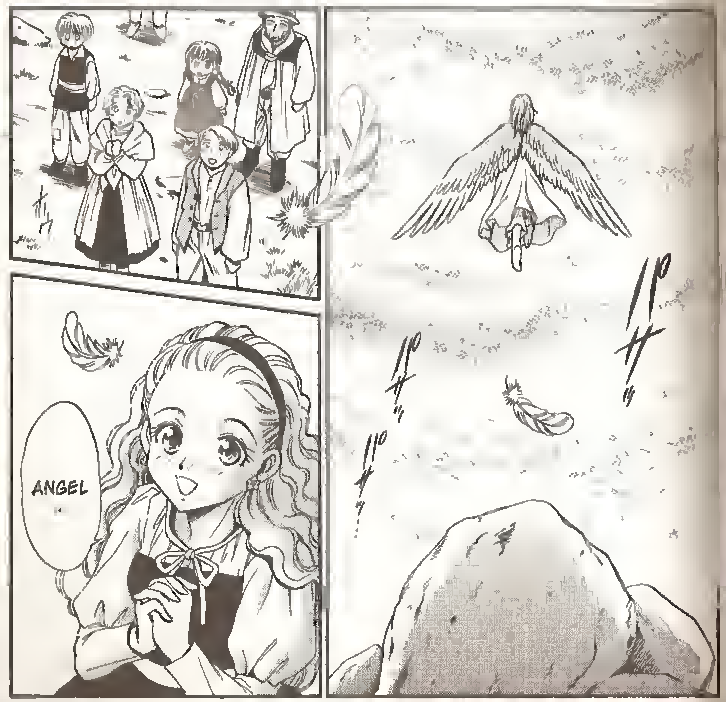
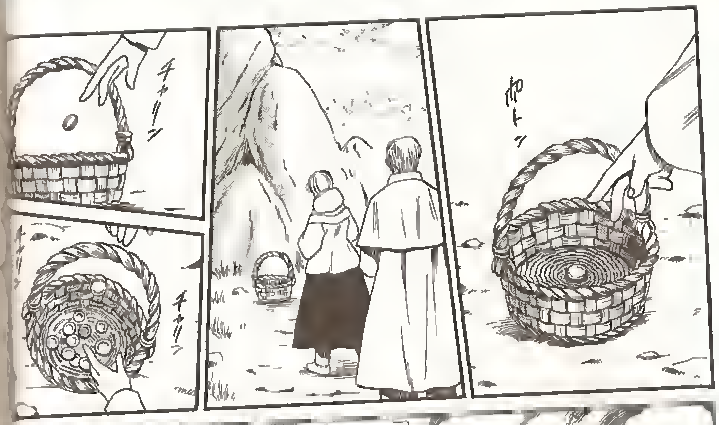



COORO!
LOOK! LOOK THERE!
AH!


I HAVE RECEIVED ...
THE THOUGHTS OF YOUR HEARTS
MAY YOU ALL FIND JOY


ANGEL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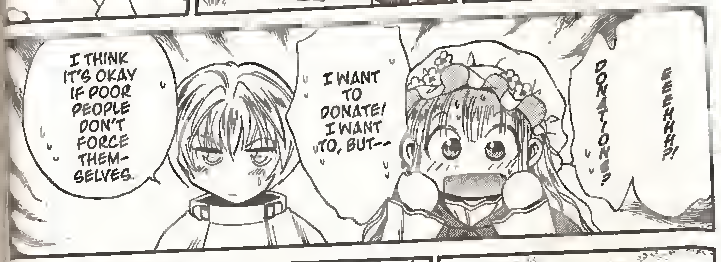
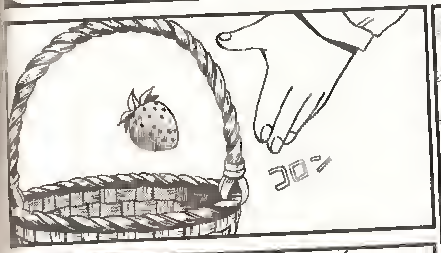

I THINK IT'S OKAY IF POOR PEOPLE DON'T FORCE THEMSELVES.
I WANT TO DONATE! I WANT TO, BUT--
DONATION?
EEEHHH?!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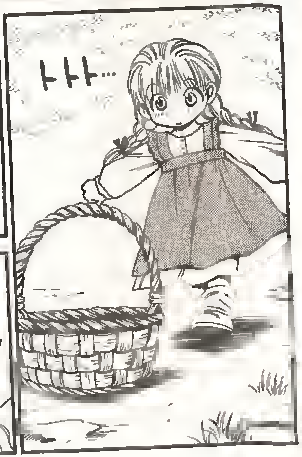
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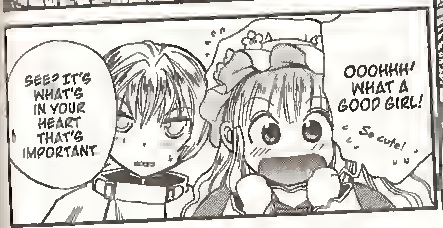
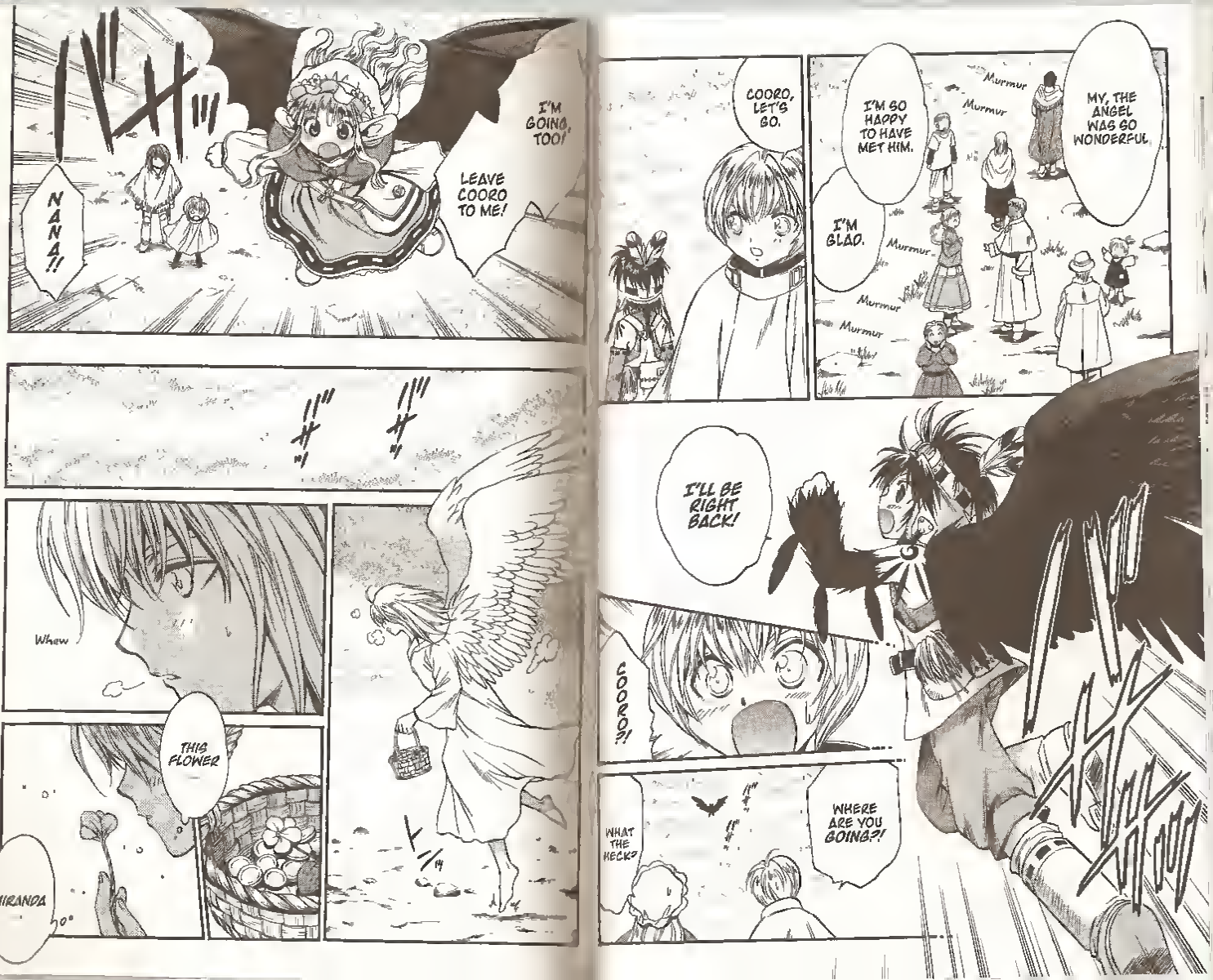
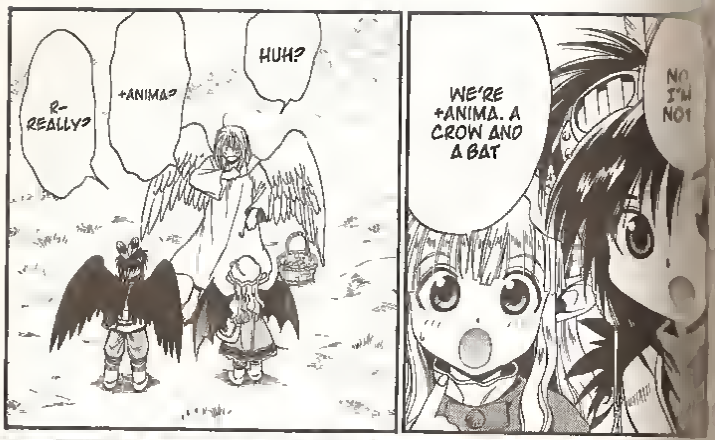
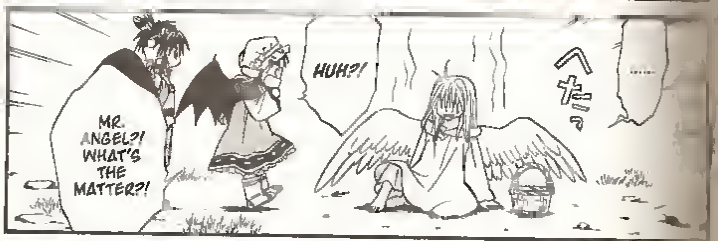
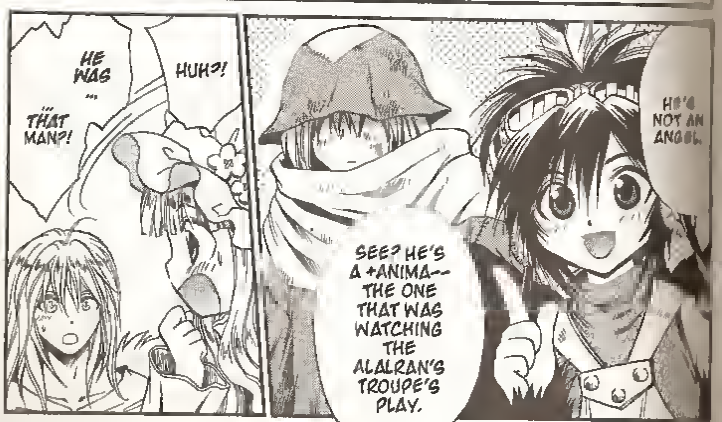
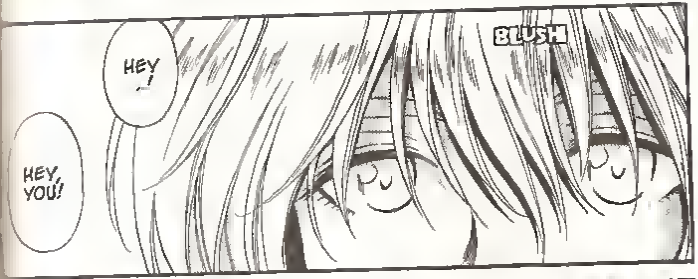

SEE? IT'S WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART THAT'S IMPORTANT
OOOHHH! WHAT A GOOD GIRL!
So cute!


NANA!!
I'M GOING, TOO!
LEAVE COORO TO ME!
COORO, LET'S GO.
I'M SO HAPPY TO HAVE MET HIM.
I'M GLAD.
MY, THE ANGEL WAS SO WONDERFUL
Murmur
Murmur
Murmur
Murmur
Murmur
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
COORO?!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
WHAT THE HECK?
Whew
THIS FLOWER
MIRANDA

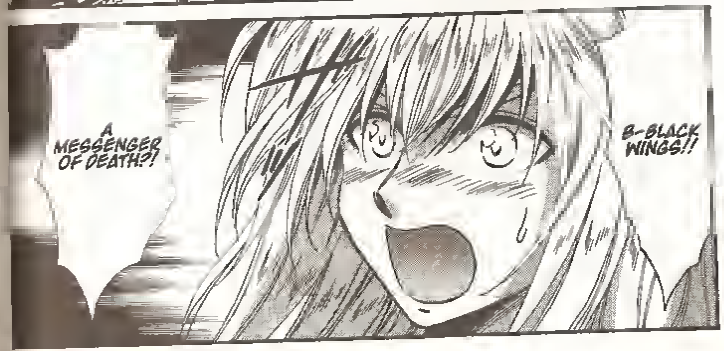

HUH?
+ANIMA?
R-REALLY?
WE'RE +ANIMA. A CROW AND A BAT
NO I'M NOT


MR. ANGEL?! WHAT'S THE MATTER?!
HUH?!


HE WAS ...
HUH?!
...THAT MAN?!
HE'S NOT AN ANGEL.
SEE? HE'S A +ANIMA-- THE ONE THAT WAS WATCHING THE ALALRAN'S TROUPE'S PLAY.


BLUSH
HEY!
HEY, YOU!

I'M GLAD WE CAUGHT UP WITH YOU!
WHAT THE--?!

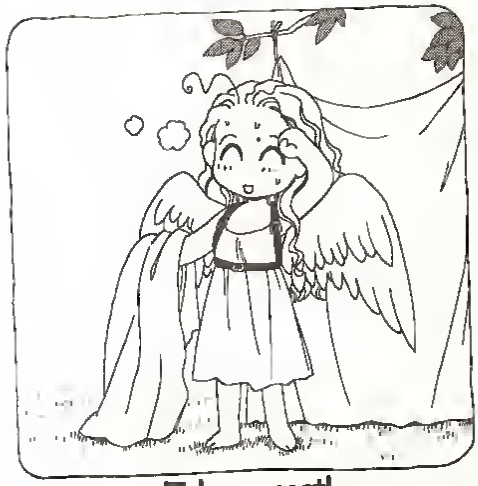

A MESSENGER OF DEATH?!
B-BLACK WINGS!!

I-I AM A MESSENGER FROM HEAVEN.
YOU SHOULD BE THE ONE LEAVING TOWN, BLACK ANGEL!
A MAN WAS WATCHING YOU EARLIER
IT KIND OF BOTHERED ME, SO I CAME TO TELL YOU.
UM, HEY
...?
WELL
I JUST KIND OF FELT LIKE IT WOULD BE BETTER NOT TO GET MIXED UP WITH THAT MAN.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
SO...
...I THINK YOU SHOULD EITHER STOP BEING THE WHITE ANGEL--OR LEAVE THIS TOWN.
!

I WONDER WHERE HUSKY AND SENRI ARE
HUH?
OW!!

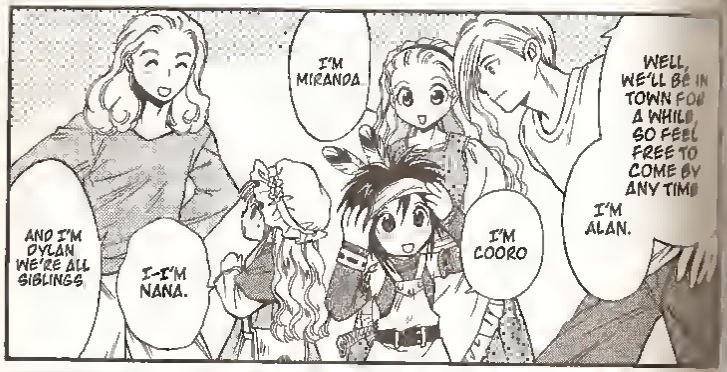
HE WENT TOWARD THE TOWN.
IS IT TRUE? HE'S A +ANIMA?
YEAH, PROBABLY. I GUESS HE'S A SWAN +ANIMA.
OH...
WELL, I SAID WHAT I HAD TO SAY.
OH, WELL.
I THINK WE SHOULD LEAVE TOWN, TOO.
HUH?
WHY? I DON'T GET IT... ANYWAY, LET'S GO FIND HUSKY AND SENRI.

Chapter 48
The Angel's Lake—Part 2

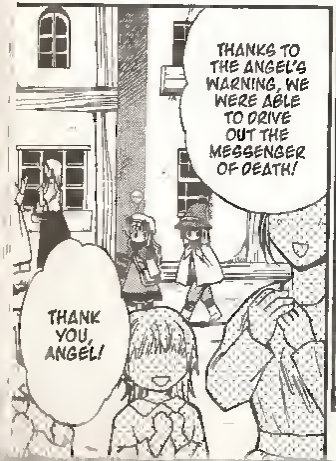


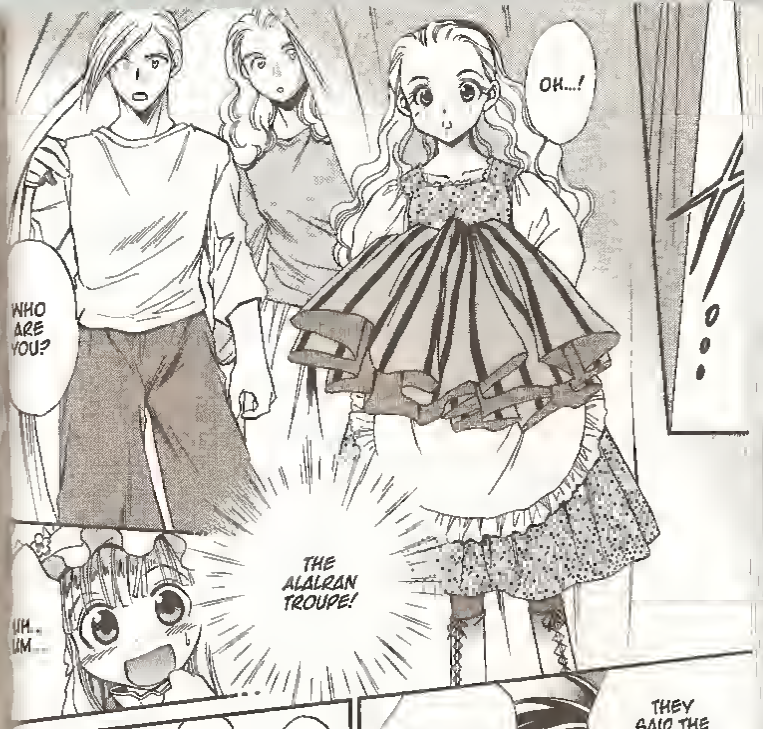
Take a rest!

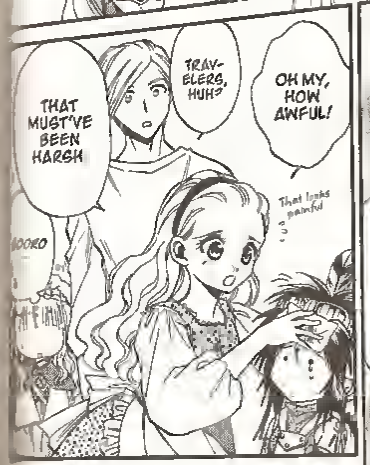
AH!
OVER THERE!
THE ANGEL WAS RIGHT!
OH!!
IT'S A BLACK-WINGED MESSENGER OF DEATH!
OWW!E!!
WHAT'S THEIR PROBLEM?!
UGH!
PROTECT THE TOWN!
DON'T LET HIM IN THE TOWN!
HUH?!
COORO! BLOOD! YOU'RE BLEEDING!!
WAAH!
Hey!
COORO! HIDE YOUR WINGS!
WE HAVE TO GET AWAY!
OOWWW!!


I'M MIRANDA.
WELL, WE'LL BE IN TOWN FOR A WHILE, SO FEEL FREE TO COME BY ANY TIME
I'M ALAN.
AND I'M DYLAN WE'RE ALL SIBLINGS.
I-I'M NANA.
I'M COORO

TO PROTECT MY HEAD.
SURE... BUT WHAT FOR?
CAN I BORROW THIS?


THANKS TO THE ANGEL'S WARNING, WE WERE ABLE TO DRIVE OUT THE MESSENGER OF DEATH!
THANK YOU, ANGEL!

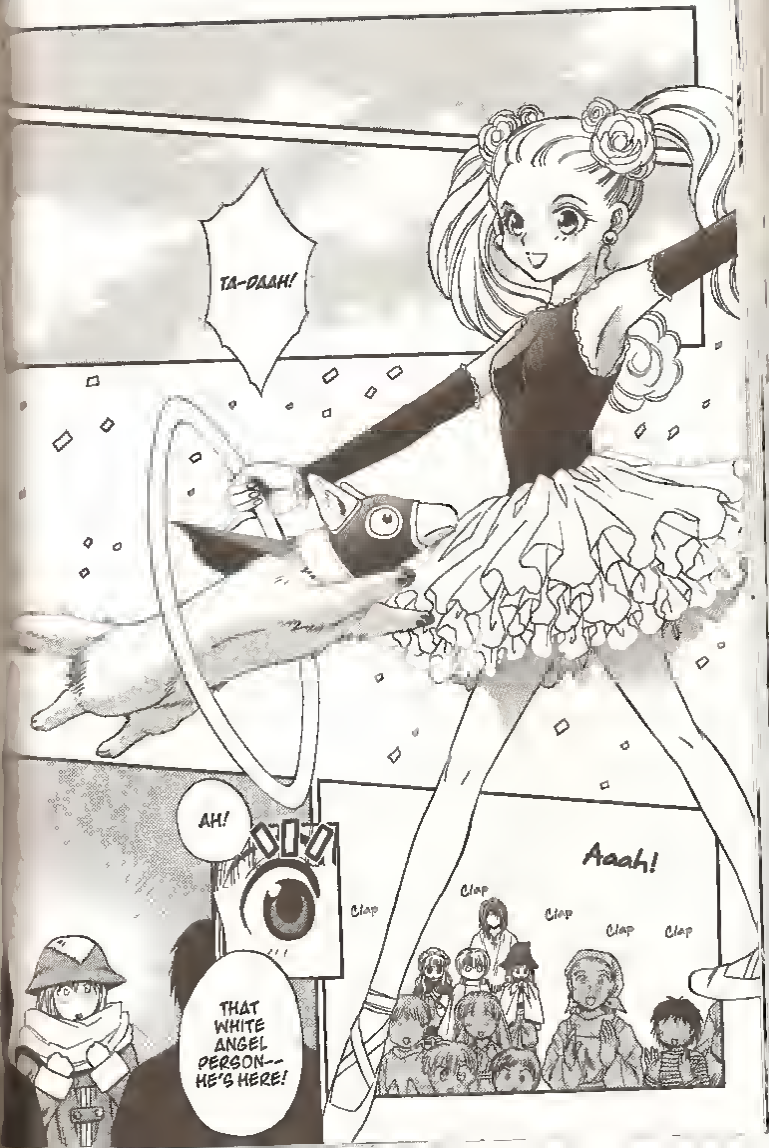

OH...!
WHO ARE YOU?
THE ALALRAN TROUPE!

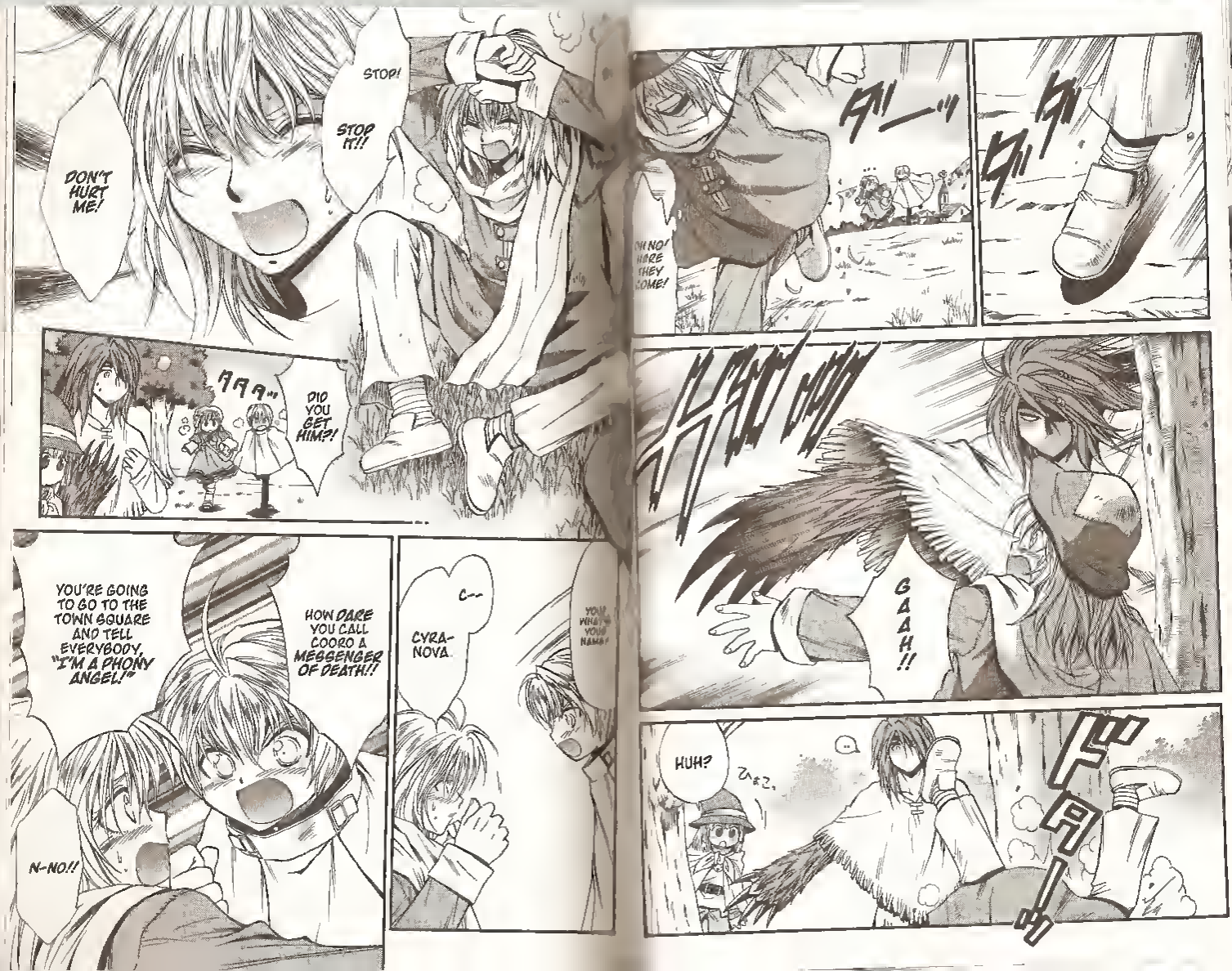

OH MY, HOW AWFUL!
TRAV-ELERS, HUH?
THAT MUST'VE BEEN HARSH
That looks painful -;
COORO

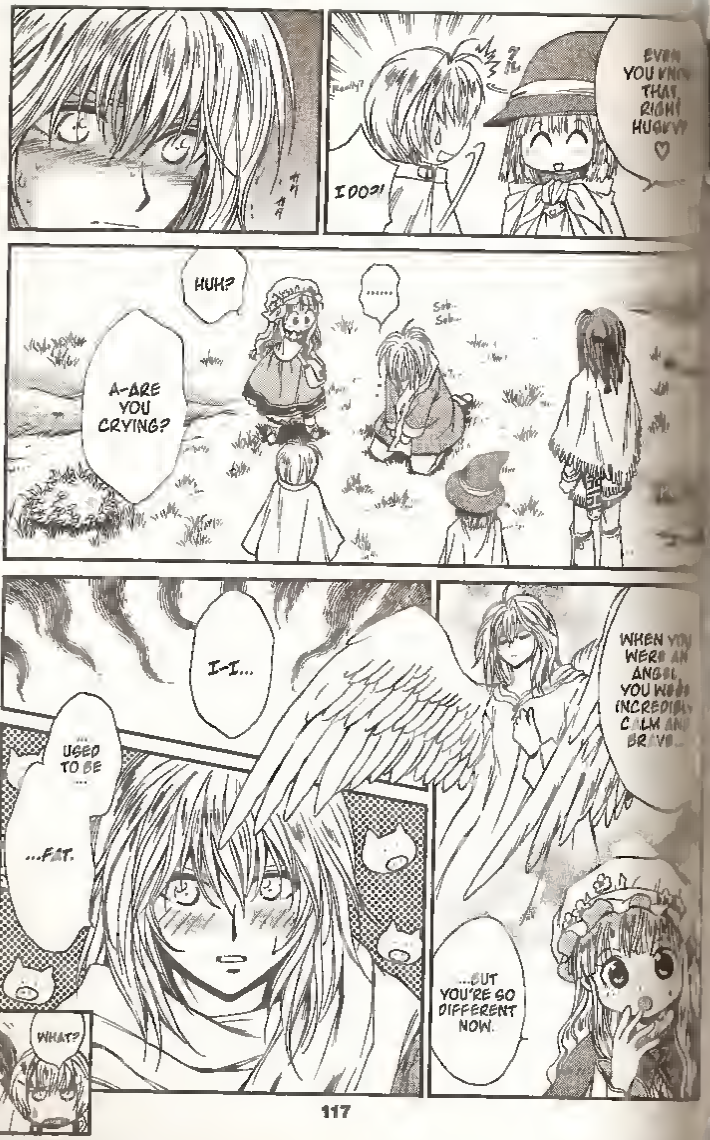
THEY SAID THE MESSENGER OF DEATH CAME, SO WE GOT SCARED AND HID.
AND WE GOT HIT BY THE ROCKS THE TOWNS-PEOPLE WERE THROWING.
WE'RE TRAVELERS, SO WE DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE ELSE TO HIDE.

Report: The White Angel of Fantale
I estimate the boy with white wings to be about fourteen.
Based on the feathers I have gathered, I believe him to be a swan +Anima.
As instructed, I plan to wait for an opportunity to make contact with him.
I AM AN ANGEL!
MY WHITE WINGS LET ME LIVE
I CAN SURVIVE AS LONG AS I'M A WHITE ANGEL.
OH!
WHY THAT WANNABE ANGEL-- SPREADING WEIRD RUMORS TO THE TOWNSPEOPLE!
LOOK!
IT'S COO--
HUSKY! SENRI!
THAT PHONY ANGEL!!
I DON'T WANT TO JUST LEAVE TOWN ANYMORE!!
PHONY?
YEAH, PRETTY MUCH.
HOW DO I LOOK?
.....?
WHAT'S ON YOUR HEAD?

MY, MY. ALL HE LOOKS AT IS MIRANDA.
WHAT'S WITH THE STUPID LOOK ON HIS FACE?
THAT'S HIM?
HE HASN'T NOTICED US.
?
OH!
THAT'S--
WAIT! HEY, YOU!


TA-DAAH!
AH!
THAT WHITE ANGEL PERSON-- HE'S HERE!
Aaah!
Clap
Clap
Clap
Clap
Clap


STOP!
STOP IT!!
DON'T HURT ME!
DID YOU GET HIM?!
OH NO! HERE THEY COME!
GAAH!!
HUH?
YOU'RE GOING TO GO TO THE TOWN SQUARE AND TELL EVERYBODY, "I'M A PHONY ANGEL!"
HOW DARE YOU CALL COORO A MESSENGER OF DEATH!!
N-NO!!
C--
CYRA-NOVA.
YOU, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?


EVEN YOU KNOW THAT RIGHT HUGGY? ♡
I DO?!
HUH?
A-ARE YOU CRYING?
.....
Sob-Sob...
I-I...
...USED TO BE...
...FAT.
WHEN YOU WERE AN ANGEL, YOU WERE INCREDIBLY CALM AND BRAVE...
...BUT YOU'RE SO DIFFERENT NOW.
WHAT?

YEAH... WE GET IT.
IN ORDER FOR YOU TO BE AN ANGEL, COORO CAN'T BE A +ANIMA.
HE HAS TO BE A MESSENGER OF DEATH, RIGHT?
YOU SOLD OUT YOUR FELLOW +ANIMA!
WELL?! SAY SOME-THING, DANGIT!
THAT'S ENOUGH.
CYRANOVA, IS IT? WELL, CYRANOVA IS THE ONE SUFFERING THE MOST.
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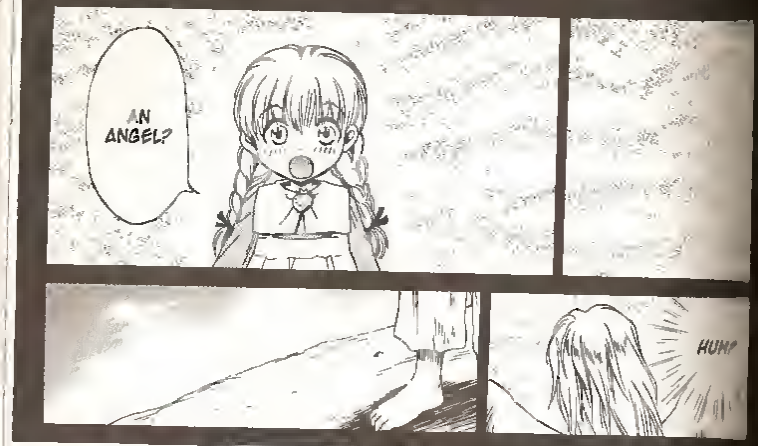
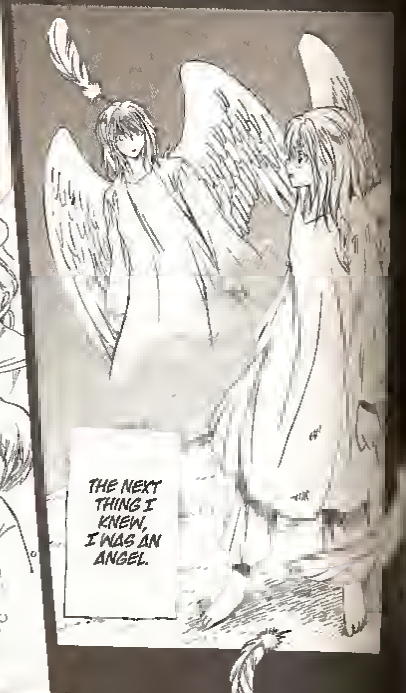
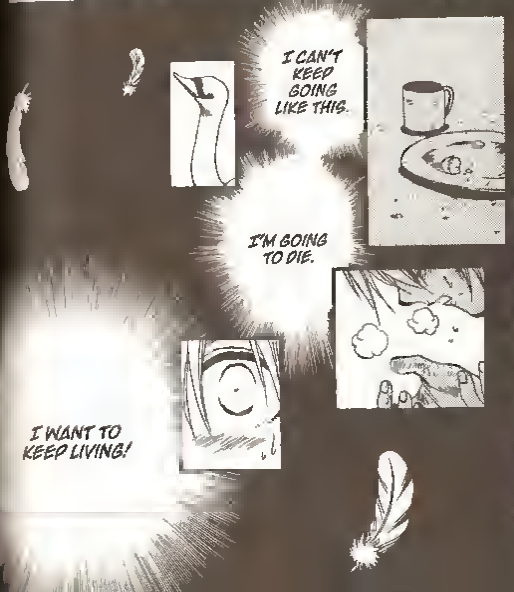

AN ANGEL?
HUH?

ONE YEAR AGO, MY PARENTS DIED IN AN ACCIDENT.
I WAS AN ONLY CHILD IN A MERCHANT'S FAMILY.

BUT I WAS CLUMSY. I HAD NO PHYSICAL STRENGTH. TO HIM, I WAS A USELESS KID WHO COULDN'T DO HIS JOB.
MY UNCLE INHERITED THE SHOP, AND HE SENT ME OUT TO WORK. HE SAID IT WAS TRAINING

EVERY-ONE IS HAPPY TO SEE ME.
I-I HAVE A PLACE HERE NOW BECAUSE I'M AN ANGEL
AND, BEST OF ALL... MIRANDA WILL GAZE UPON ME.

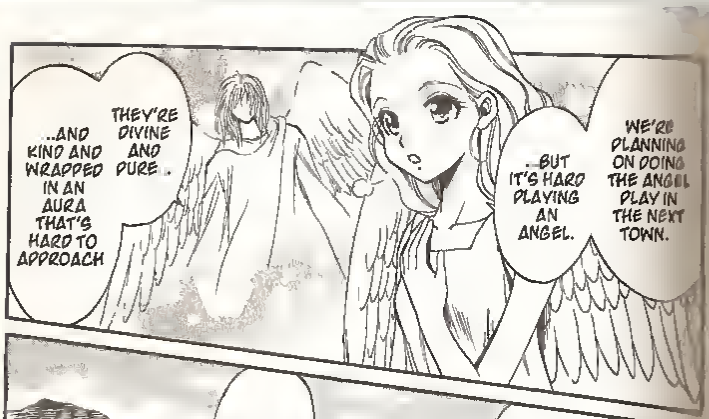

THE NEXT THING I KNEW, I WAS AN ANGEL.

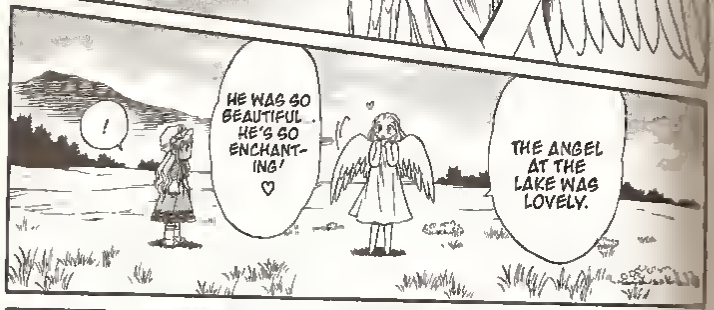

I CAN'T KEEP GOING LIKE THIS.
I'M GOING TO DIE.
I WANT TO KEEP LIVING!

NO BREAKS UNTIL YOU'RE DONE WORKING!
AND NO FOOD, EITHER!

LOOK, YOU'RE RIGHT HERE SEE, CYRANOVA?
IF THERE ARE NO OTHER PEOPLE, WILL YOU DISAPPEAR, CYRANOVA?
That's the feeling I get anyway
IF THAT WAS TRUE, I DON'T THINK YOU WOULD HAVE BECOME A +ANIMA.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

YOU'RE REALLY GOOD AT PLAYING THE ANGEL, THOUGH.
WHAT'S THE POINT IF YOU'RE NOT GETTING HER TO LOOK AT THE REAL YOU?!
THAT'S RIGHT!
BUT WHAT MIRANDA'S LOOKING AT IS THE ANGEL, ISN'T IT?
IT'S VERY IMPORTANT!
Grrrr!!
THAT'S WHAT HURTS?!
That's stupid.
IF YOU'RE AN ANGEL, YOU CAN'T GO TO A GIRL AND TELL HER YOU LOVE HER!
THAT MUST REALLY HURT!
IF PEOPLE DON'T NOTICE ME, IT'S AS IF THE REAL ME DOESN'T EXIST
B-BUT
THE REGULAR ME DOESN'T MATTER TO ANYBODY.


..AND KIND AND WRAPPED IN AN AURA THAT'S HARD TO APPROACH
THEY'RE DIVINE AND PURE..
..BUT IT'S HARD PLAYING AN ANGEL.
WE'RE PLANNING ON DOING THE ANGEL PLAY IN THE NEXT TOWN.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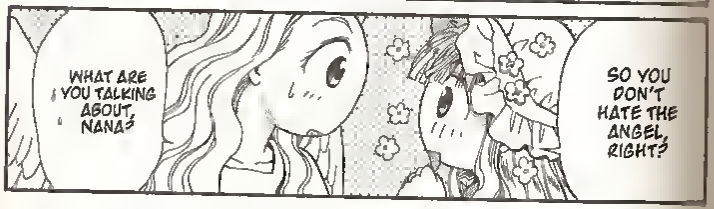
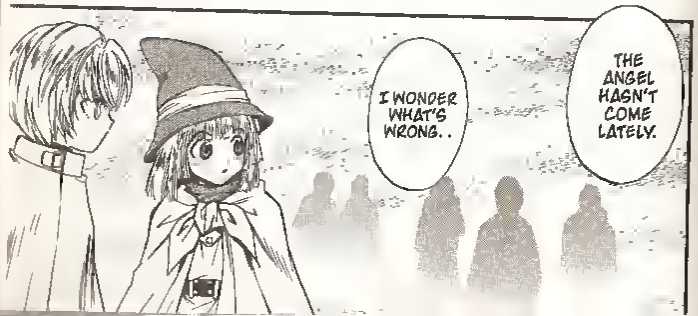
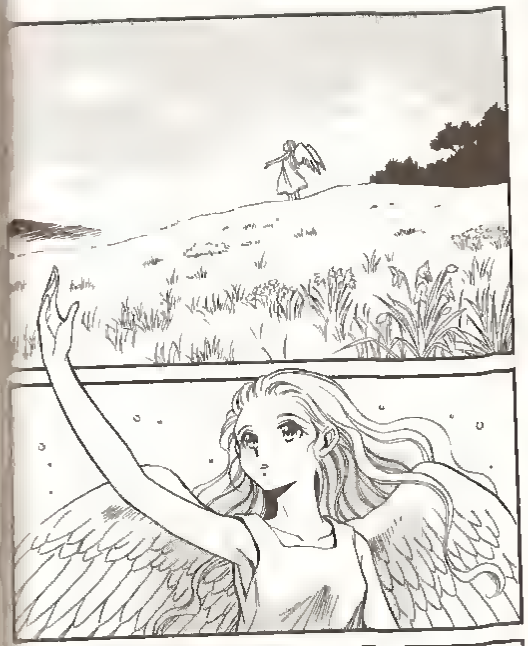
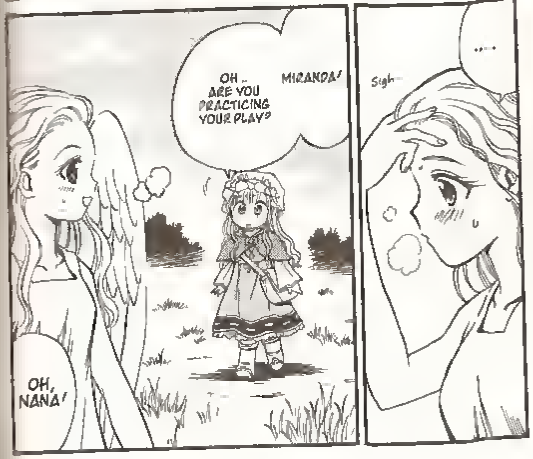
HE WAS SO BEAUTIFUL.. HE'S SO ENCHANTING! ♡
THE ANGEL AT THE LAKE WAS LOVELY.

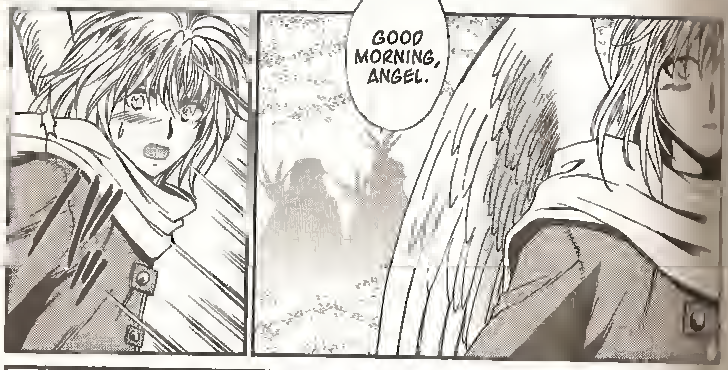

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, NANA?
SO YOU DON'T HATE THE ANGEL, RIGHT?

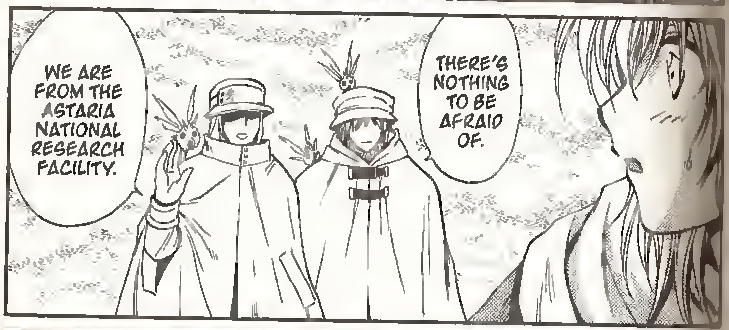

I WONDER WHAT'S WRONG..
THE ANGEL HASN'T COME LATELY.

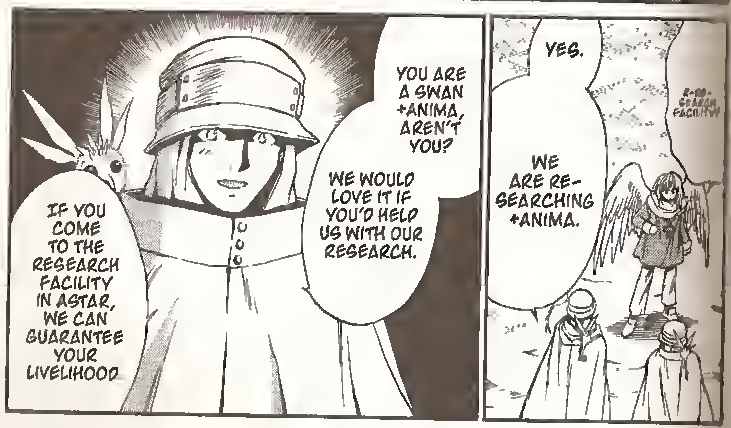


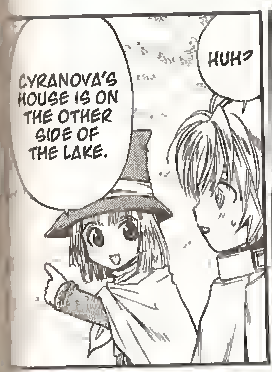

OH.. ARE YOU PRACTICING YOUR PLAY?
MIRANDA!
OH, NANA!
Sigh
....

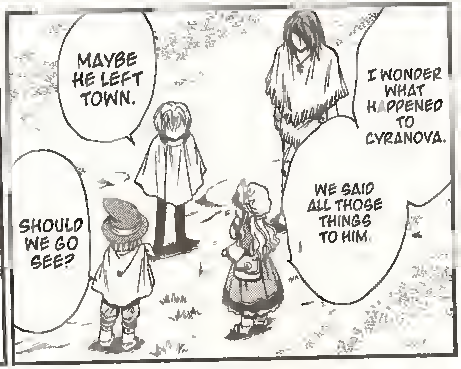
LET ME ..
.. THINK A LITTLE.


GOOD MORNING, ANGEL.

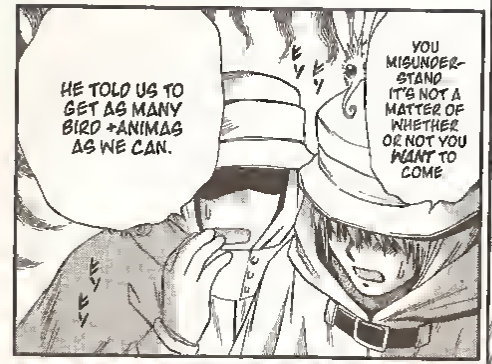

WE ARE FROM THE ASTARIA NATIONAL RESEARCH FACILITY.
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF.


IF YOU COME TO THE RESEARCH FACILITY IN ASTAR, WE CAN GUARANTEE YOUR LIVELIHOOD.
YOU ARE A SWAN +ANIMA, AREN'T YOU?
WE WOULD LOVE IT IF YOU'D HELP US WITH OUR RESEARCH.
YES.
WE ARE RESEARCHING +ANIMA.


HUH?
CYRANOVA'S HOUSE IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LAKE.

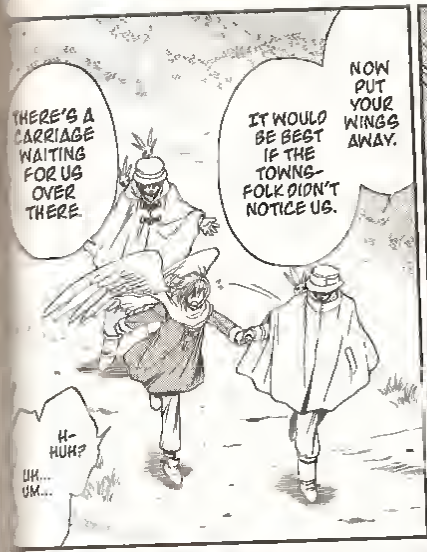

I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO CYRANOVA.
MAYBE HE LEFT TOWN.
SHOULD WE GO SEE?
WE SAID ALL THOSE THINGS TO HIM.

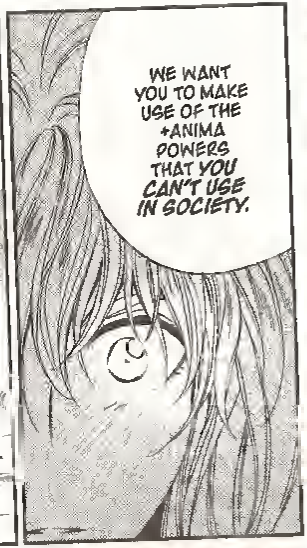
FINE!


HE TOLD US TO GET AS MANY BIRD +ANIMAS AS WE CAN.
EY
EY
EY
EY
YOU MISUNDER-STAND IT'S NOT A MATTER OF WHETHER OR NOT YOU WANT TO COME

SO YOU ARE COMING WITH US!
!!

SO...
...I DON'T THINK I WANT TO GO!

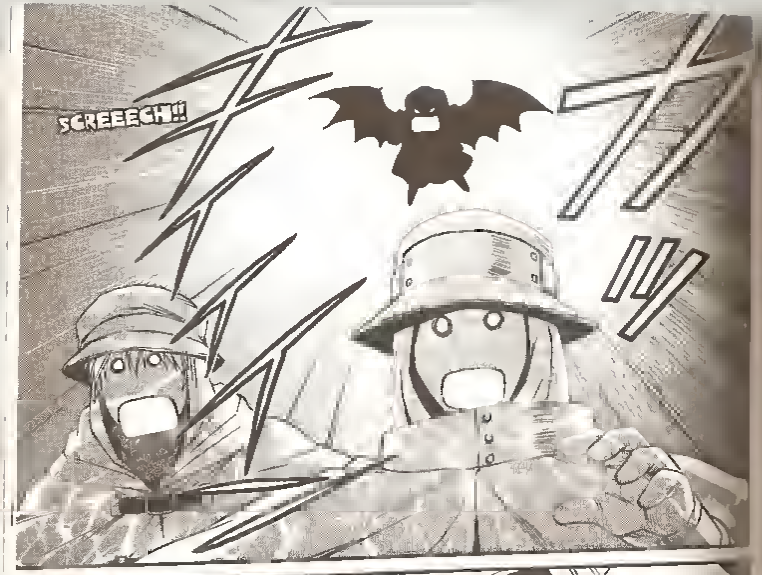

THERE'S A CARRIAGE WAITING FOR US OVER THERE.
IT WOULD BE BEST IF THE TOWNS-FOLK DIDN'T NOTICE US.
NOW PUT YOUR WINGS AWAY.
H-HUH?
UH... UM...

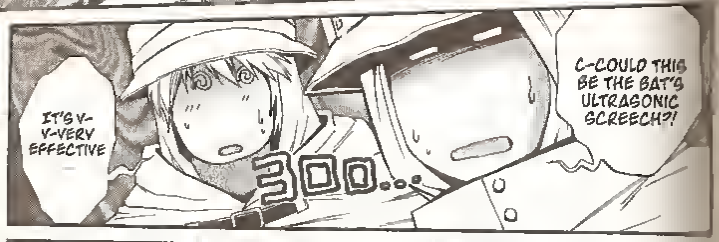

WE WANT YOU TO MAKE USE OF THE +ANIMA POWERS THAT YOU CAN'T USE IN SOCIETY.

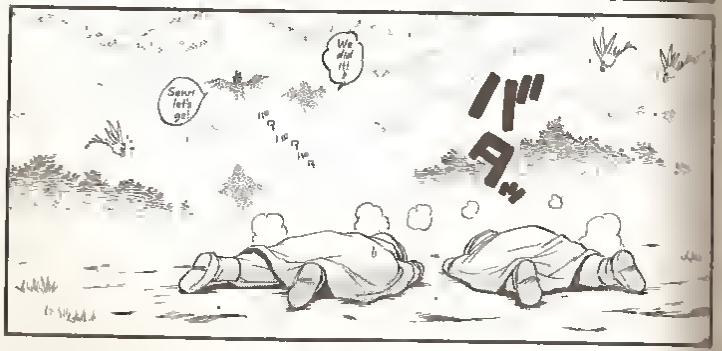
TH-THERE'S SOMETHING...
THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO DO!

L-LET GO!!
UGH!

HOLD IT!!
YOU CAN'T TAKE HIM!!
THIS +ANIMA IS...!!
A BLACK-WINGED...
H-HEY!
EHHH?!
NOOO!!
BUH!!


SCREEECH!!


IT'S V-V-VERY EFFECTIVE
300...
C-COULD THIS BE THE BAT'S ULTRASONIC SCREECH?!


We did it!
Sakuri let's go!
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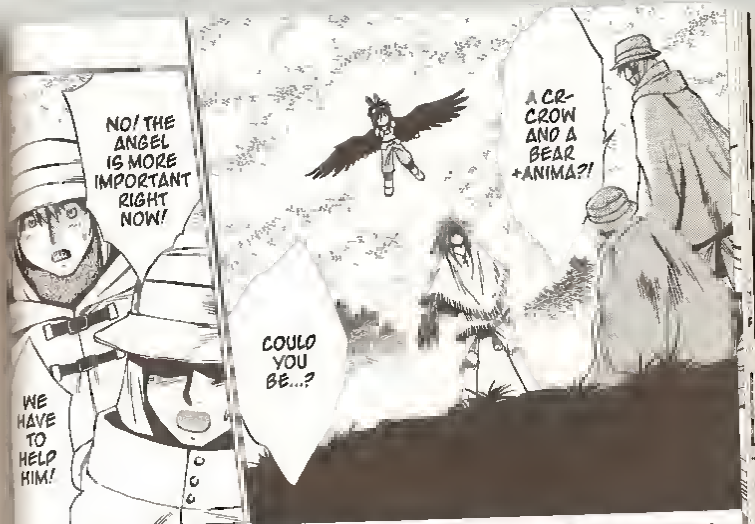
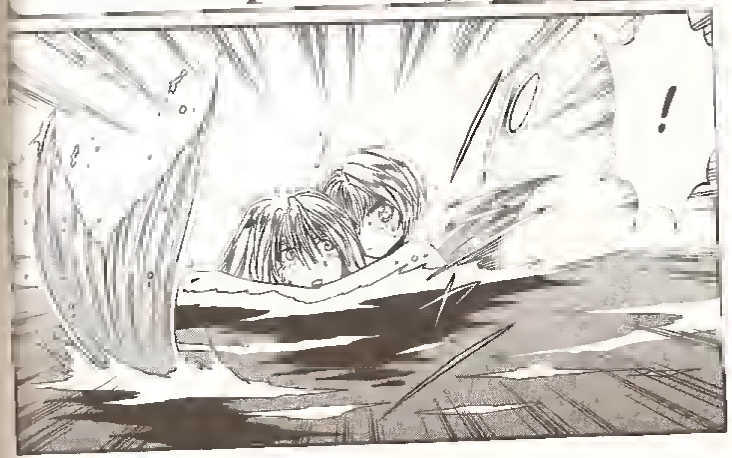

NO! THE ANGEL IS MORE IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW!
WE HAVE TO HELP HIM!
A CR-CROW AND A BEAR +ANIMA?!
COULD YOU BE...?

?
OVER THERE!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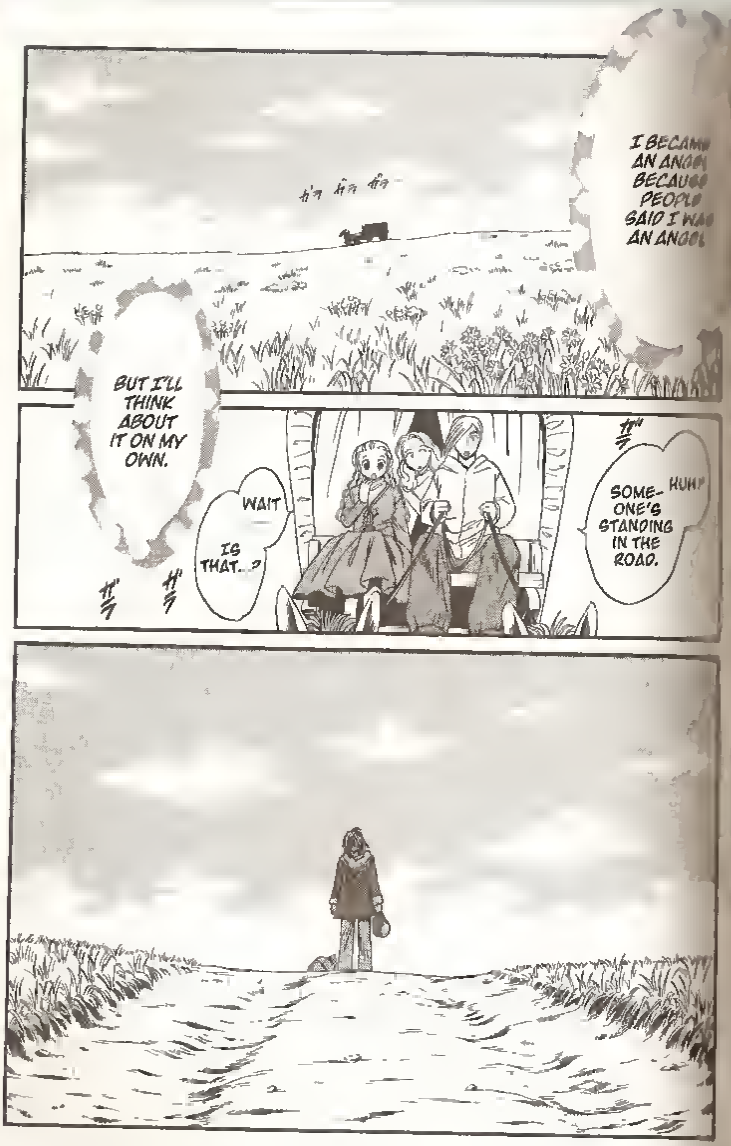
I BECAME AN ANGEL BECAUSE PEOPLE SAID I WAS AN ANGEL
BUT I'LL THINK ABOUT IT ON MY OWN.
WAIT
IS THAT..?
SOME-ONE'S STANDING IN THE ROAD.
HUH?

ARE YOU OKAY?
WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T CATCH COLD.
MORE FIREWOOD PLEASE, SENRI.
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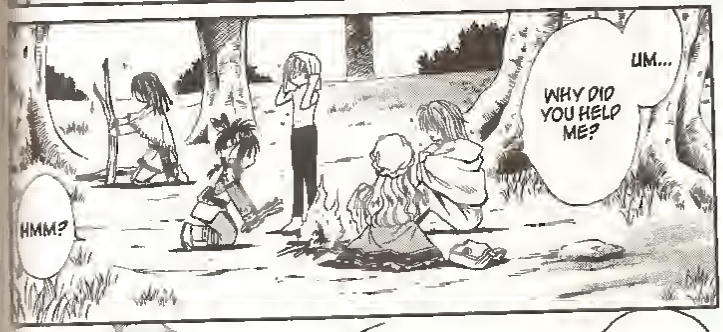
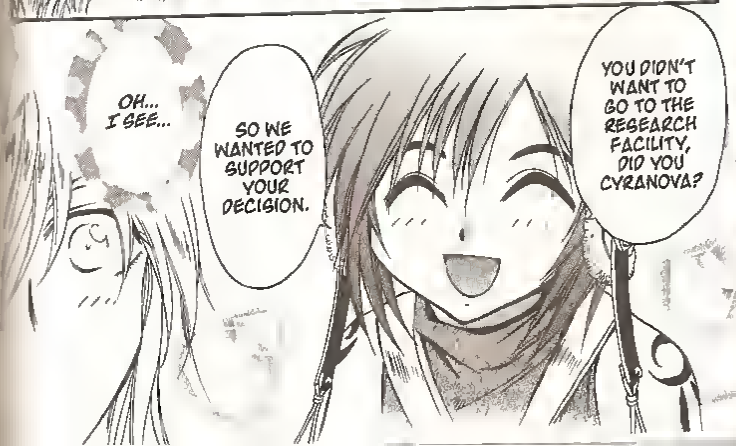
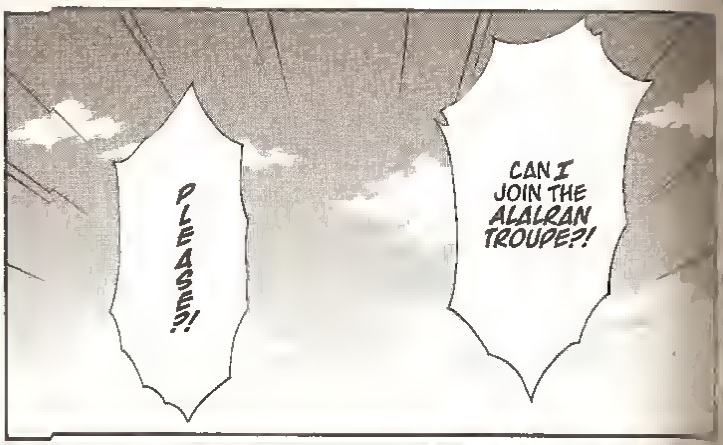
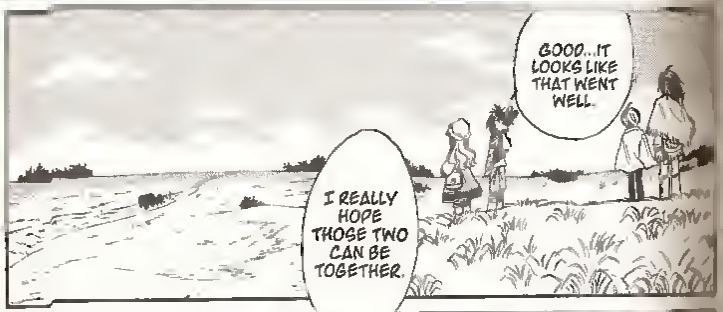
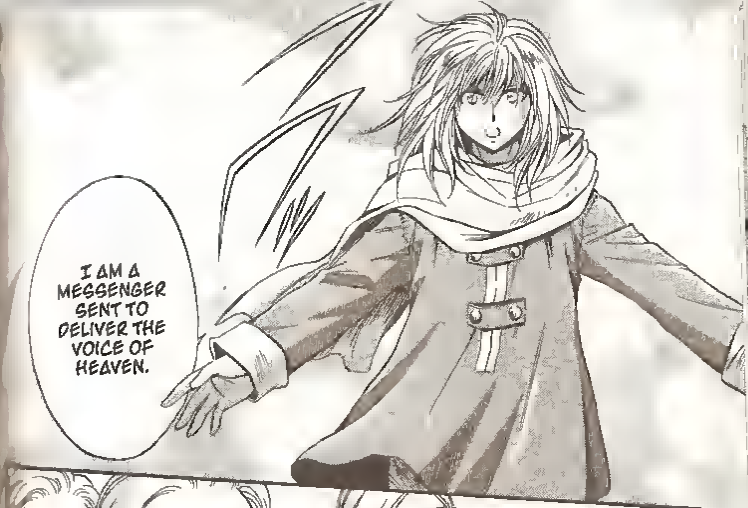

UM...
WHY DID YOU HELP ME?
HMM?

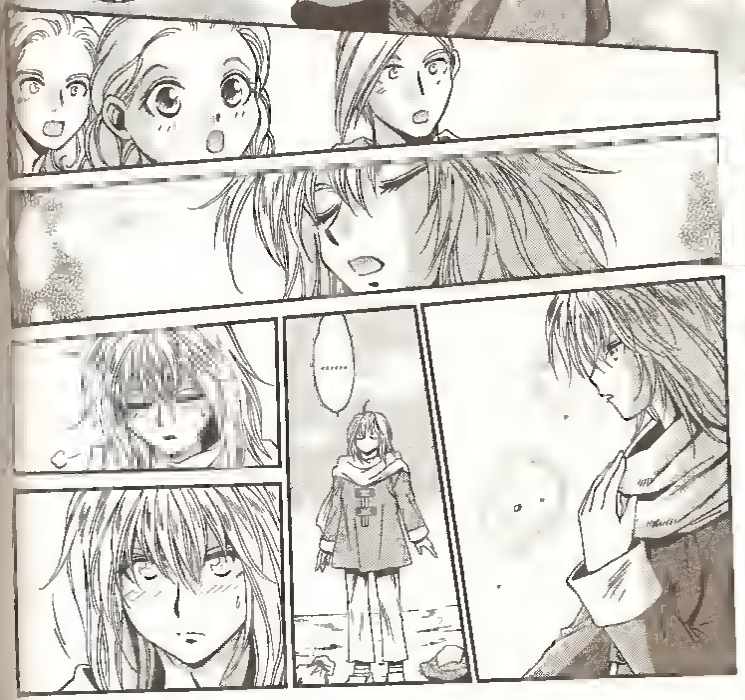

YOU DIDN'T WANT TO GO TO THE RESEARCH FACILITY, DID YOU CYRANOVA?
SO WE WANTED TO SUPPORT YOUR DECISION.
OH... I SEE...


CAN I JOIN THE ALALRAN TROUPE?!
PLEASE?!


GOOD..IT LOOKS LIKE THAT WENT WELL.
I REALLY HOPE THOSE TWO CAN BE TOGETHER.

DON'T YOU?


I AM A MESSENGER SENT TO DELIVER THE VOICE OF HEAVEN.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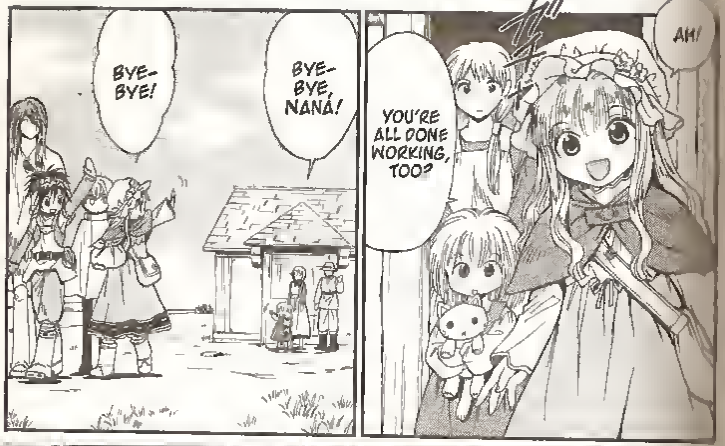
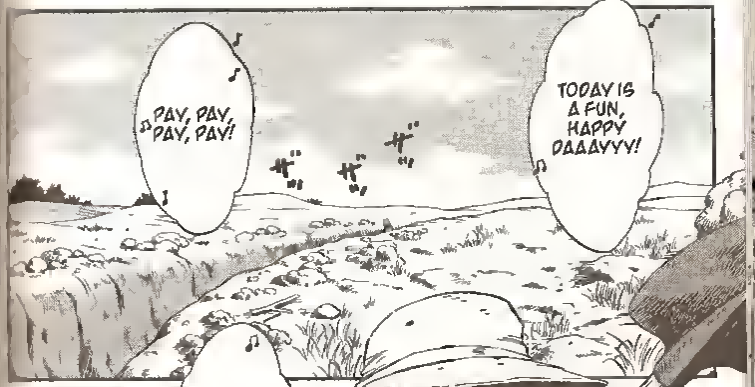
Chapter 49
Childhood Friends—Part 1

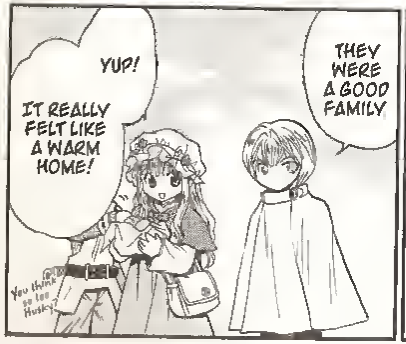
Costume play of angel?!


BYE-BYE!
BYE-BYE, NANA!
AH!
YOU'RE ALL DONE WORKING, TOO?

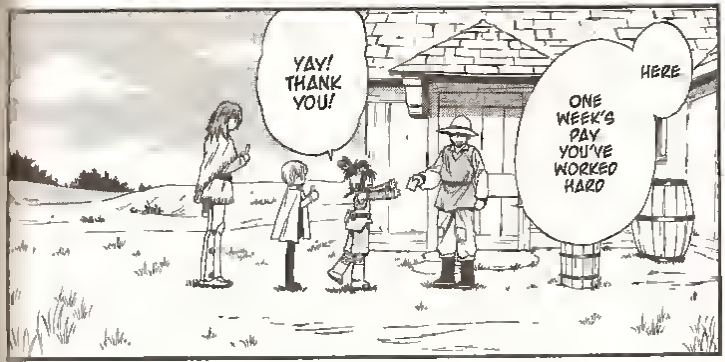

PAY, PAY, PAY, PAY!
TODAY IS A FUN, HAPPY DAAAYYY!

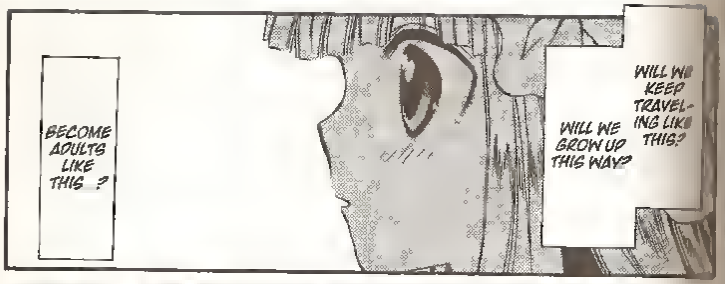
PAAAY DAAAAYYY!
Cut it out!
GOOKO, YOU'RE NOT SHOVELING HARD ENOUGH.
Cleaning the irrigation ditch

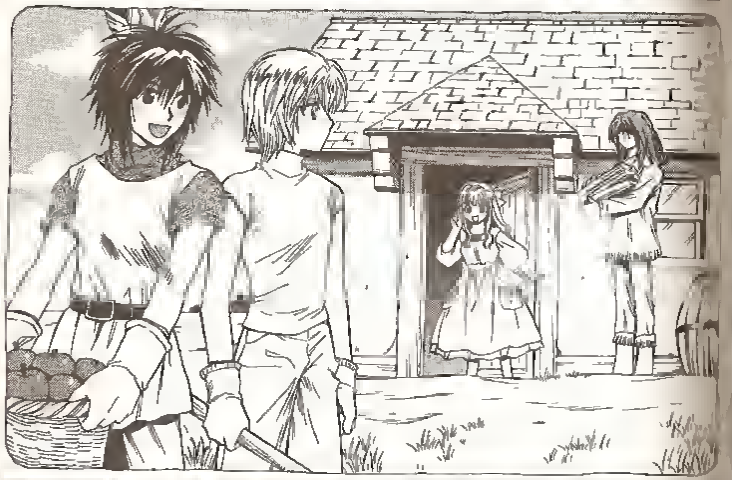
I ONLY HELPED WITH HOUSEWORK, SO I DIDN'T GET PAID MUCH...
SHE MADE ME PLAY EVERYTHING WITH HER.

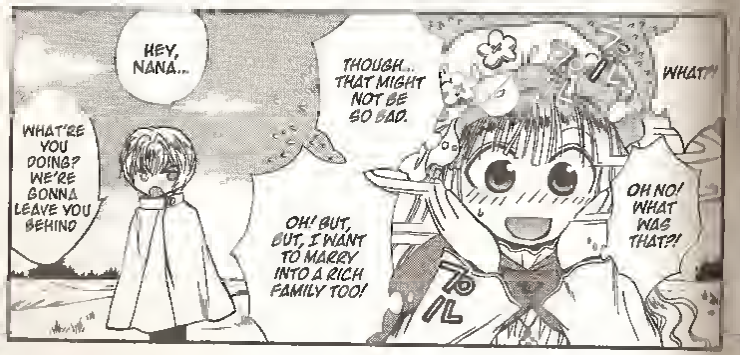

YUP!
IT REALLY FELT LIKE A WARM HOME!
THEY WERE A GOOD FAMILY
You think so too, Husky.

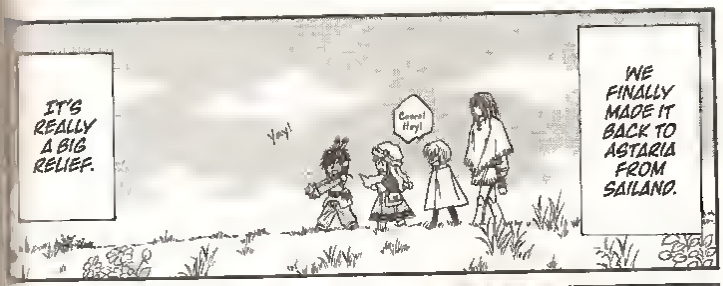
...BUT I GOT SOME FRESH-BAKED COOKIES AND BREAD!
WOW! THEY LOOK GOOD!

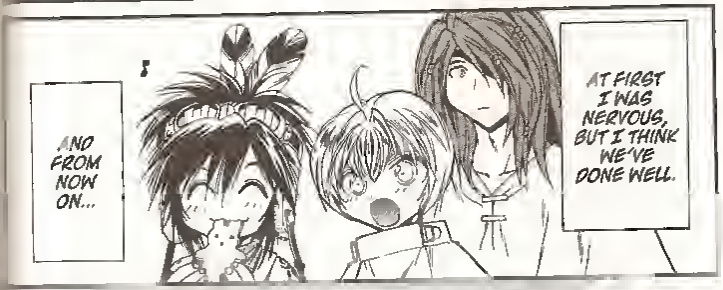

YAY! THANK YOU!
HERE
ONE WEEK'S PAY YOU'VE WORKED HARD

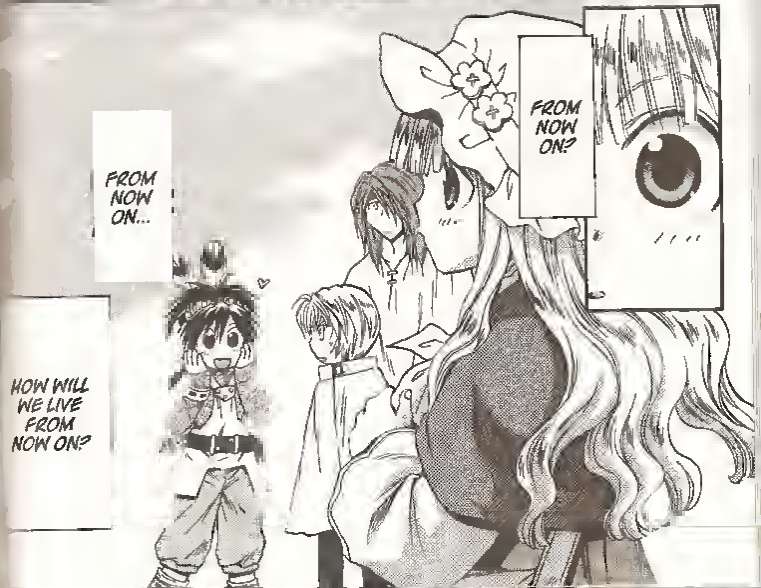

BECOME ADULTS LIKE THIS...?
WILL WE GROW UP THIS WAY?
WILL WE KEEP TRAVELING LIKE THIS?

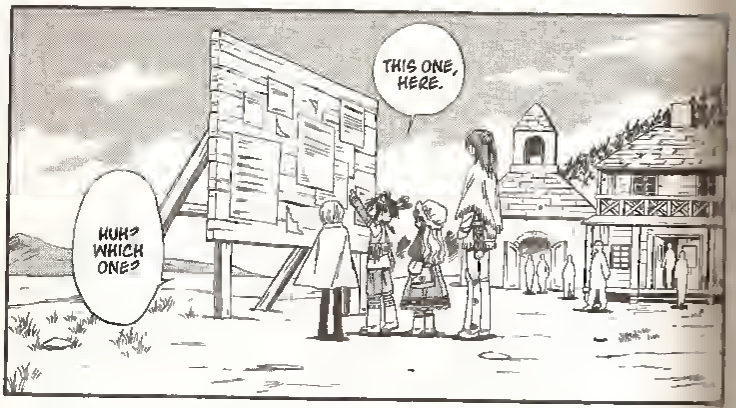


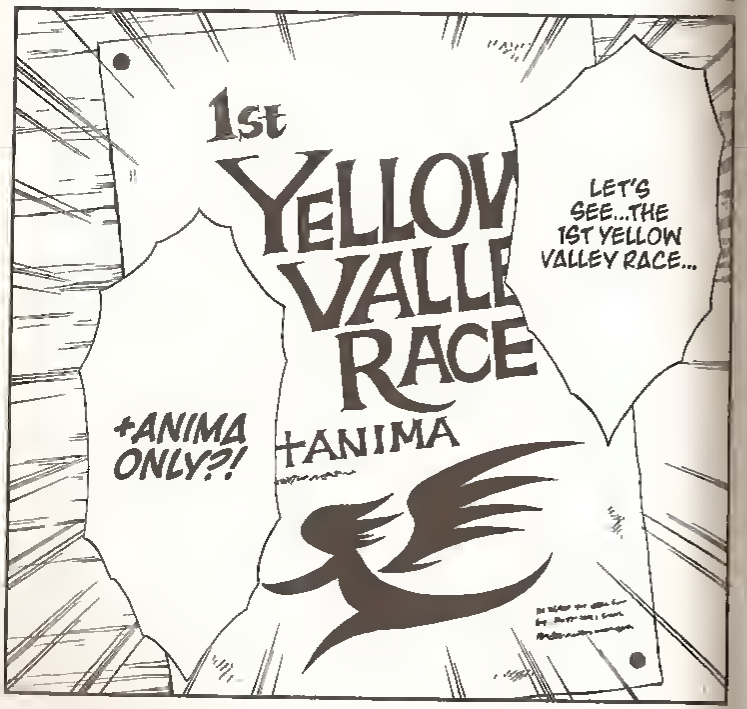

HEY, NANA...
WHAT'RE YOU DOING? WE'RE GONNA LEAVE YOU BEHIND
OH! BUT, BUT, I WANT TO MARRY INTO A RICH FAMILY TOO!
THOUGH... THAT MIGHT NOT BE SO BAD.
WHAT?!
OH NO! WHAT WAS THAT?!


IT'S REALLY A BIG RELIEF.
Yay!
Cancel Hey!
WE FINALLY MADE IT BACK TO ASTARIA FROM SAILAND.


AND FROM NOW ON...
AT FIRST I WAS NERVOUS, BUT I THINK WE'VE DONE WELL.


FROM NOW ON...
HOW WILL WE LIVE FROM NOW ON?
FROM NOW ON?

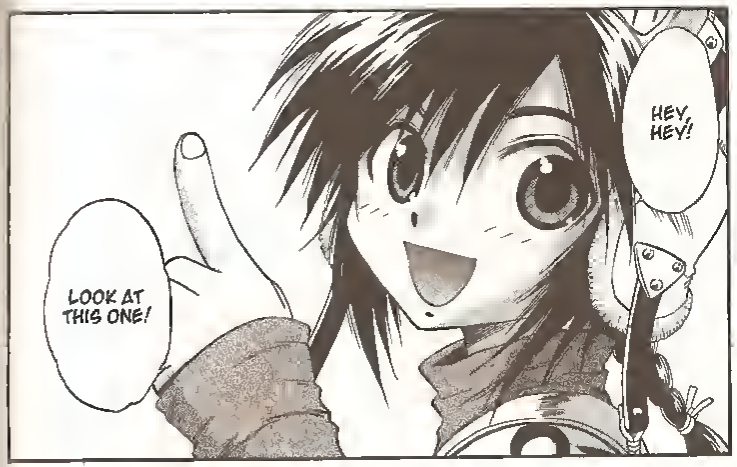

THIS ONE, HERE.
HUH? WHICH ONE?


1st
YELLOW VALLEY RACE
+ANIMA
+ANIMA ONLY?!
LET'S SEE...THE 1ST YELLOW VALLEY RACE...

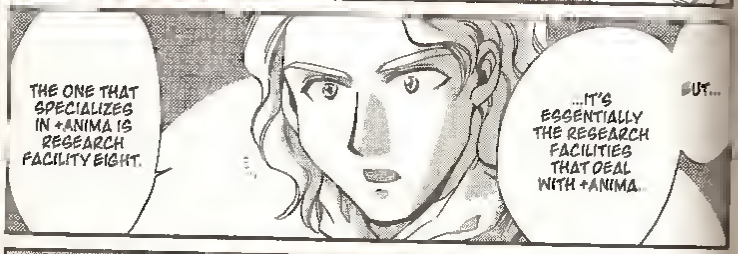
He may be rich, but it would probably be kinda stuffy inside that castle
I THINK IT'S OKAY IF HUSKY DOESN'T GO BACK TO BEING A PRINCE RIGHT NOW.
Whew

IF I MARRY HUSKY, I WILL BE MARRYING INTO A RICH FAMILY!
AH!
Former Prince of Sailand
?

AND WE LEARNED ABOUT SENRI ON MOSS MOUNTAIN.
THANKS TO OUR TRIP TO SAILAND WE GOT TO FIND OUT ABOUT HUSKY.

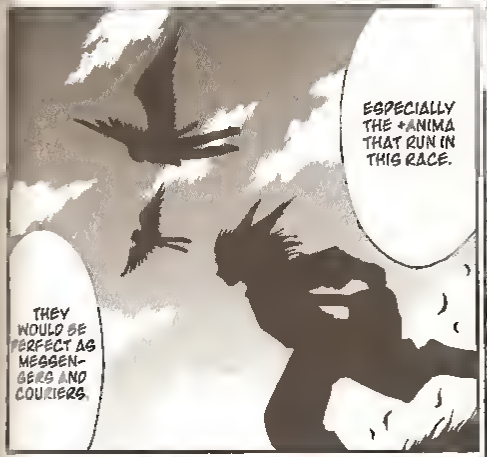

HEY, HEY!
LOOK AT THIS ONE!

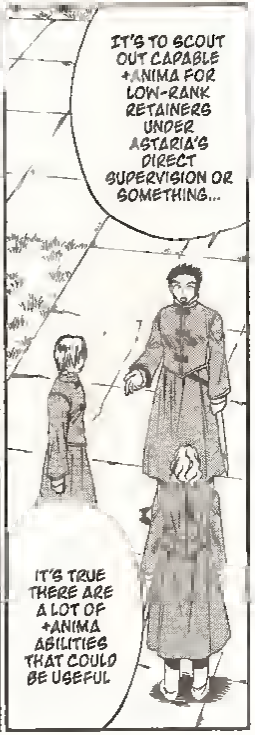
I SEE!
SO BEFORE THAT HAPPENS, WE GET THEM UNDER OUR CONTROL!
...AND BECAME HOSTILE TOWARD ASTARIA, IT WOULD BE BAD, RIGHT?
IF +ANIMA REALIZED HOW SUPERIOR THEIR POWERS ARE...

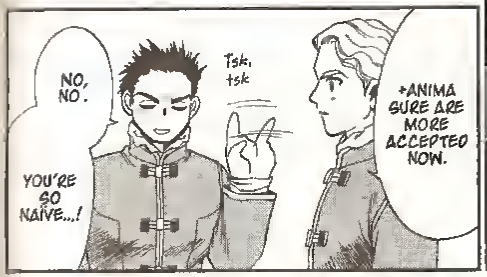

THE ONE THAT SPECIALIZES IN +ANIMA IS RESEARCH FACILITY EIGHT.
...IT'S ESSENTIALLY THE RESEARCH FACILITIES THAT DEAL WITH +ANIMA.
BUT...

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR ME?
AND THE HEAD OF RESEARCH FACILITY EIGHT—

Astarian Royal Capital, Astar
AN ASTARIAN-SPONSORED +ANIMA ONLY RACE?


ESPECIALLY THE +ANIMA THAT RUN IN THIS RACE.
THEY WOULD BE PERFECT AS MESSENGERS AND COURIERS.


IT'S TO SCOUT OUT CAPABLE +ANIMA FOR LOW-RANK RETAINERS UNDER ASTARIA'S DIRECT SUPERVISION OR SOMETHING...
IT'S TRUE THERE ARE A LOT OF +ANIMA ABILITIES THAT COULD BE USEFUL


NO, NO.
YOU'RE SO NAIVE...!
Tsk, tsk
+ANIMA SURE ARE MORE ACCEPTED NOW.

Yellow Valley
HMM?
WOW! LOOK AT ALL THOSE PEOPLE!
AND THERE'S A TON OF FOOD STANDS! ♡
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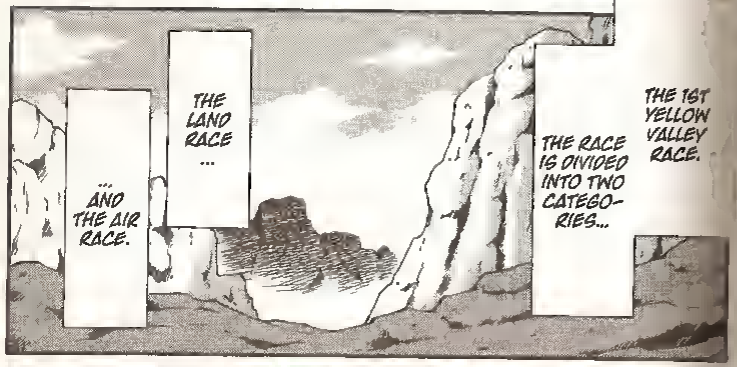
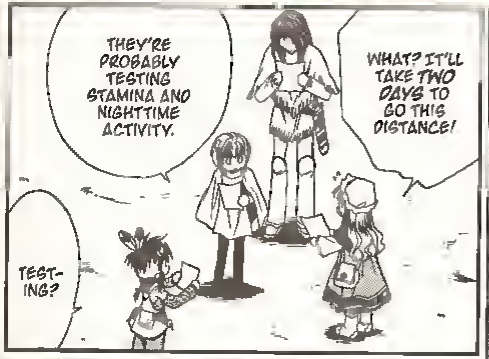
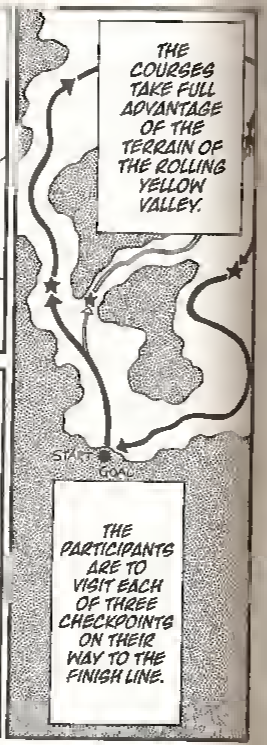
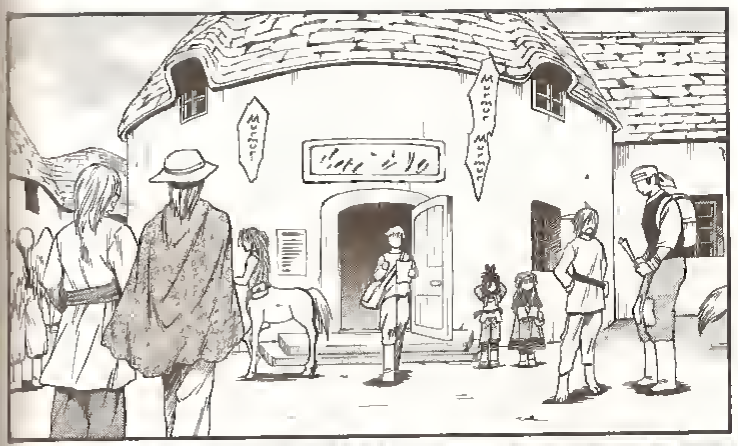
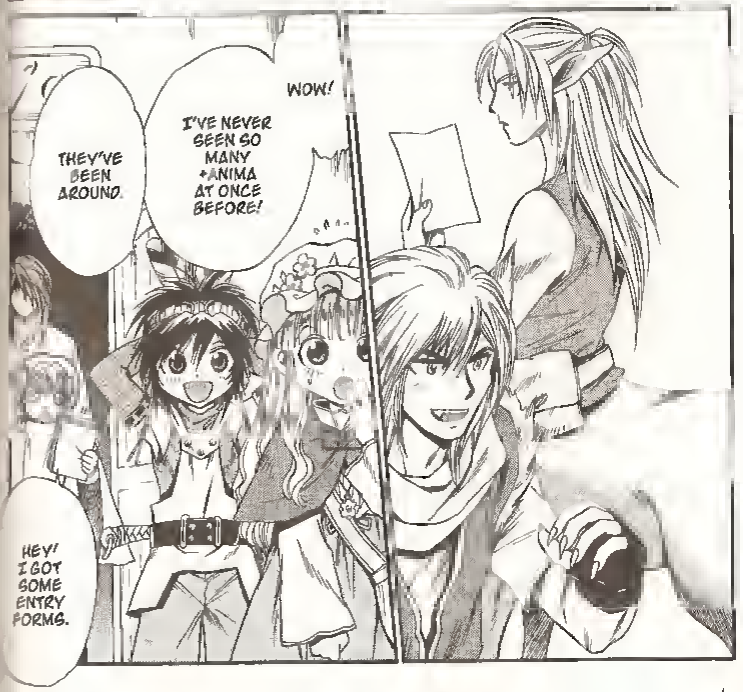

THE 1ST YELLOW VALLEY RACE.
THE RACE IS DIVIDED INTO TWO CATEGO-RIES...
THE LAND RACE ...
... AND THE AIR RACE.

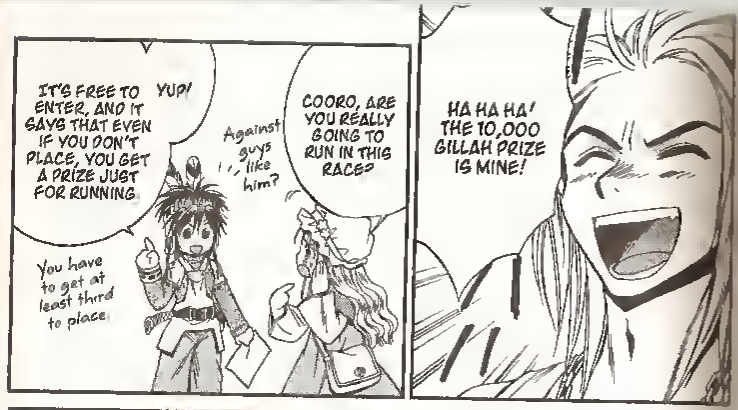

THEY'RE PROBABLY TESTING STAMINA AND NIGHTTIME ACTIVITY.
WHAT? IT'LL TAKE TWO DAYS TO GO THIS DISTANCE!
TEST-ING?


THE COURSES TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE TERRAIN OF THE ROLLING YELLOW VALLEY.
START
GOAL
THE PARTICIPANTS ARE TO VISIT EACH OF THREE CHECKPOINTS ON THEIR WAY TO THE FINISH LINE.

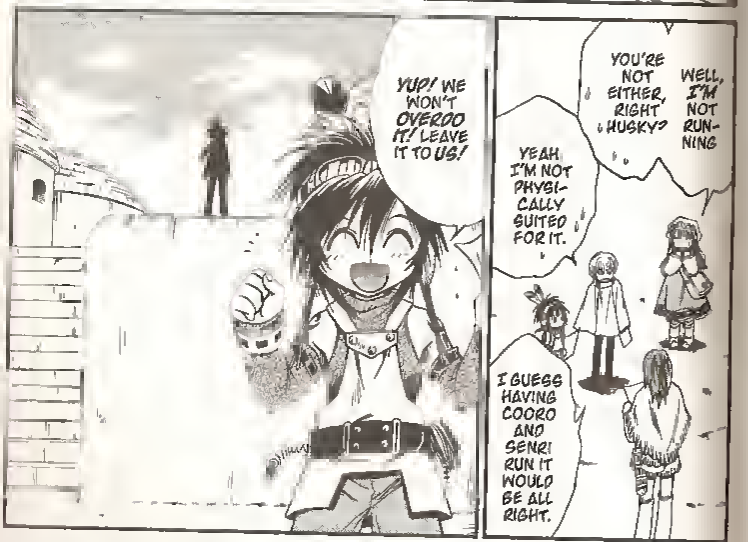
IF YOU CAN GET A JOB, YOUR SOCIAL STANDING WILL BE GUARANTEED
APPARENTLY, THE KINGDOM OF ASTARIA PLANS TO HIRE PEOPLE BASED ON THEIR SCORES
THAT'S WHY THERE ARE SO MANY +ANIMA HERE.


MOTEL
WEAPON SHOP

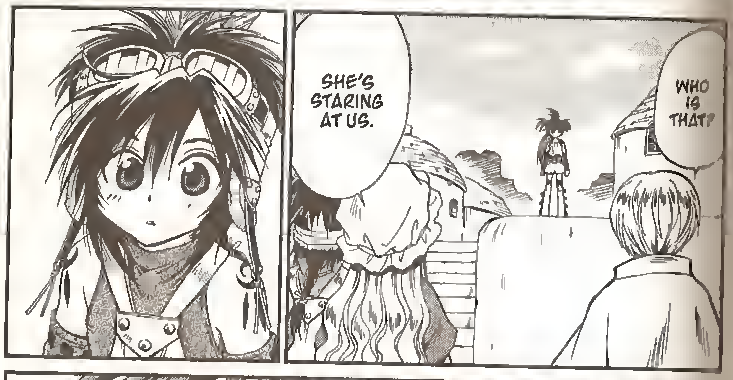

WOW!
I'VE NEVER SEEN SO MANY +ANIMA AT ONCE BEFORE!
THEY'VE BEEN AROUND.
HEY! I GOT SOME ENTRY FORMS.

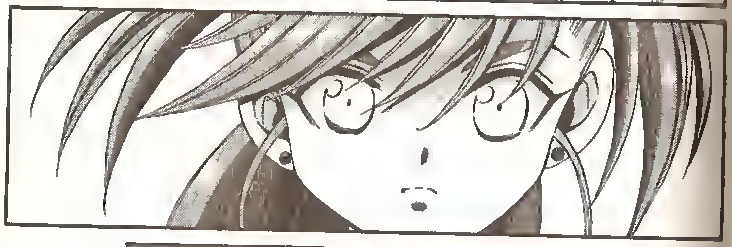

IT'S FREE TO ENTER, AND IT SAYS THAT EVEN IF YOU DON'T PLACE, YOU GET A PRIZE JUST FOR RUNNING.
YUP!
You have to get at least third to place.
Against guys like him?
COORO, ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO RUN IN THIS RACE?
HA HA HA! THE 10,000 GILLAH PRIZE IS MINE!

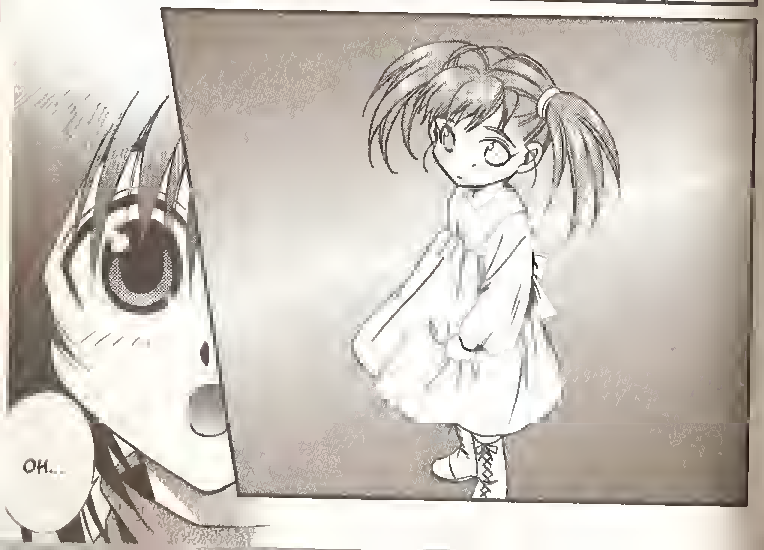
PRIZE FOR RUNNING
Nod
YOU'RE RUNNING TOO, SENRI?!
WHAT?!


YUP! WE WON'T OVERDO IT! LEAVE IT TO US!
YEAH, I'M NOT PHYSICALLY SUITED FOR IT.
YOU'RE NOT EITHER, RIGHT HUSKY?
WELL, I'M NOT RUNNING
I GUESS HAVING COORO AND SENRI RUN IT WOULD BE ALL RIGHT.

HA!
YOU'RE ALL SUCH PATHETIC PUSHOVERS!
YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR ME, THE GREAT JESSO!
Ha ha ha!!
YOU'D BETTER GIVE UP NOW, WHILE YOU STILL CAN!
WHOA! I DON'T LIKE HIM..!


SHE'S STARING AT US.
WHO IS THAT?

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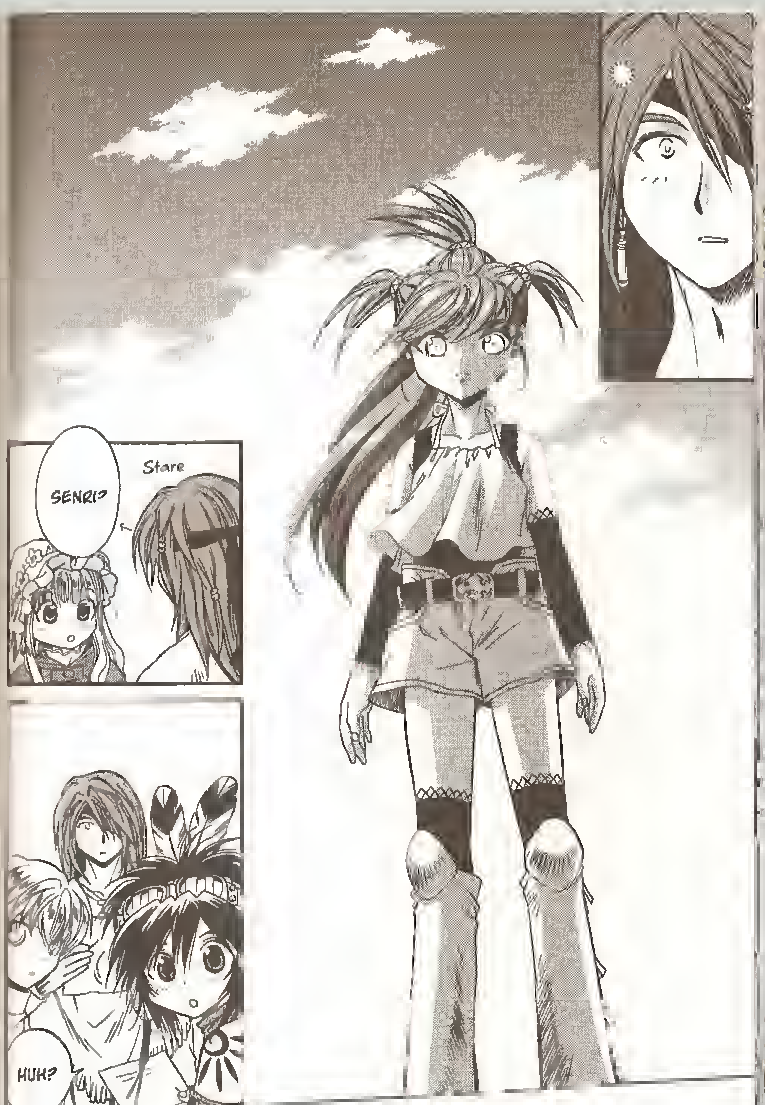
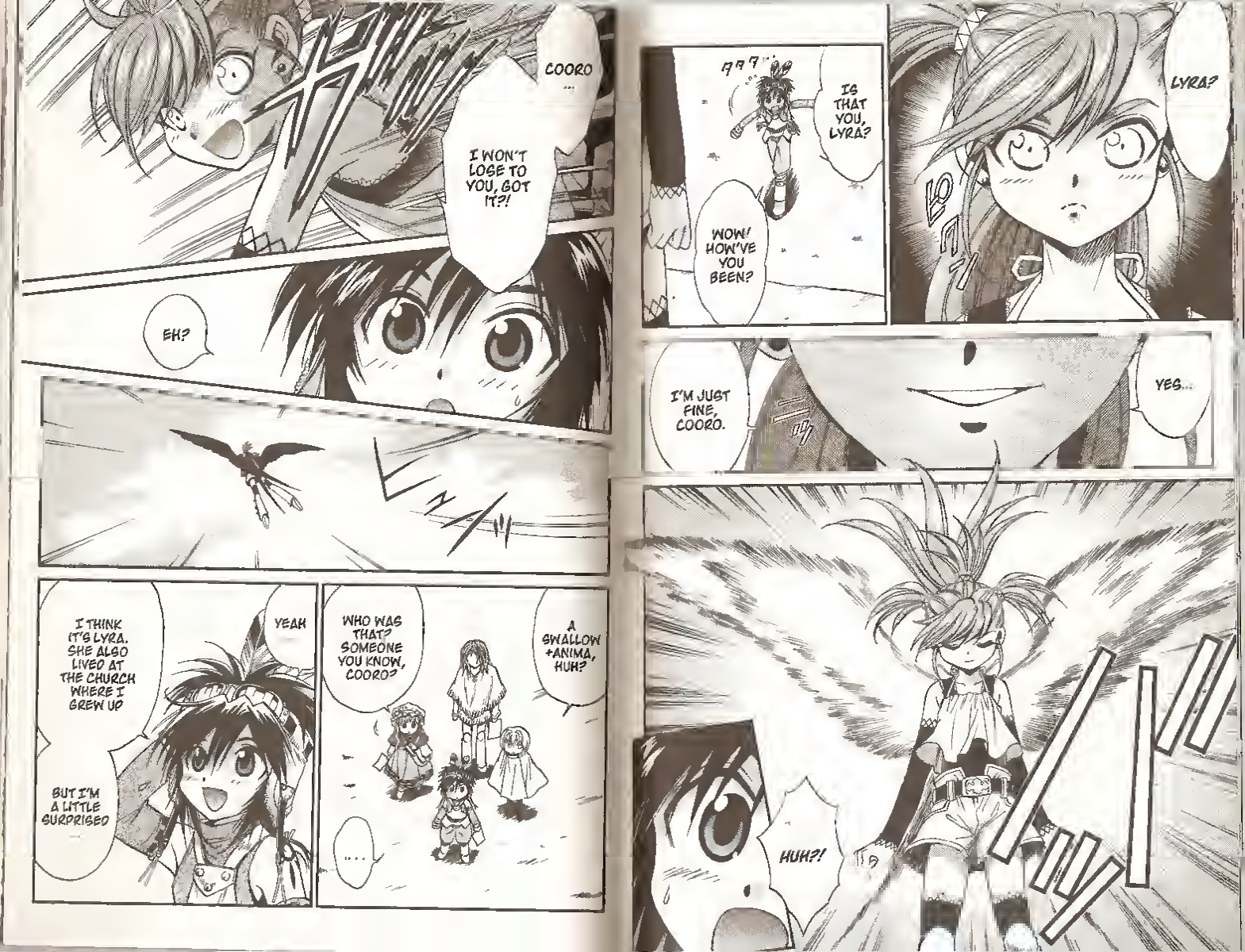
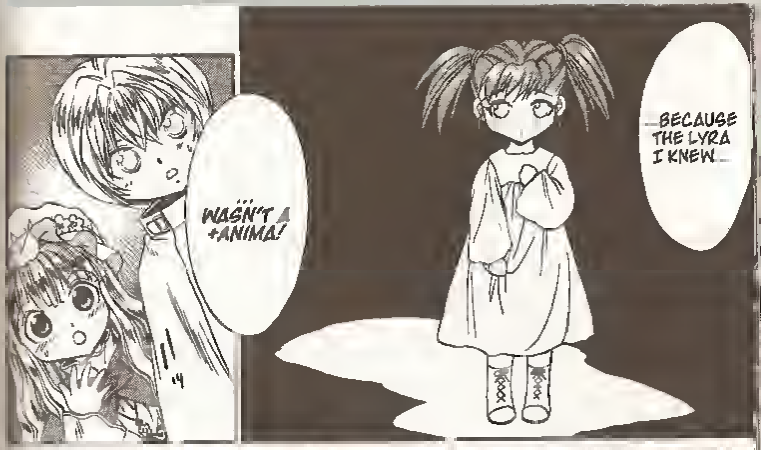


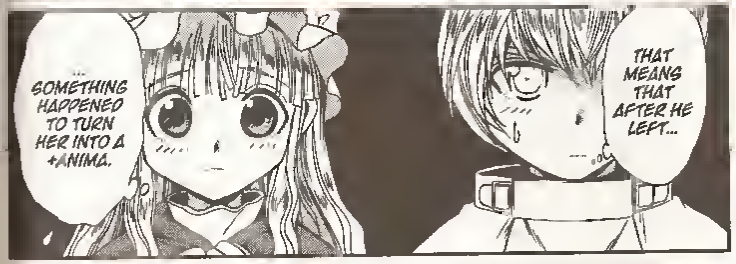
Stare
SENRI?

HUH?

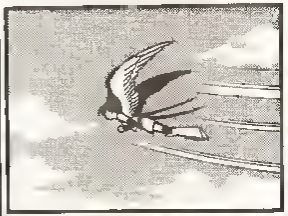

COORO...
I WON'T LOSE TO YOU, GOT IT?!
EH?
IS THAT YOU, LYRA?
WOW! HOW'VE YOU BEEN?
LYRA?
I'M JUST FINE, COORO.
YES...
HUH?!
A SWALLOW +ANIMA, HUH?
WHO WAS THAT? SOMEONE YOU KNOW, COORO?
....
YEAH
I THINK IT'S LYRA. SHE ALSO LIVED AT THE CHURCH WHERE I GREW UP
BUT I'M A LITTLE SURPRISED

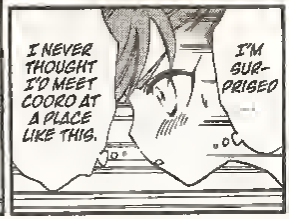
ON YOUR MARK, GET SET...
GO!!

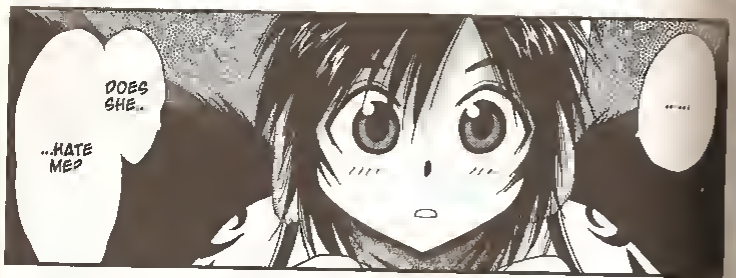

WASN'T A +ANIMA!
...BECAUSE THE LYRA I KNEW...


...SOMETHING HAPPENED TO TURN HER INTO A +ANIMA.
THAT MEANS THAT AFTER HE LEFT...

NO MATTER. I CAN'T LOSE...
...NO MATTER WHAT!!




I NEVER THOUGHT I'D MEET COORO AT A PLACE LIKE THIS.
I'M SUR-PRISED


DOES SHE..
..HATE ME?
.....

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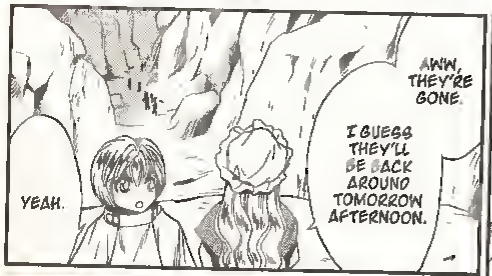
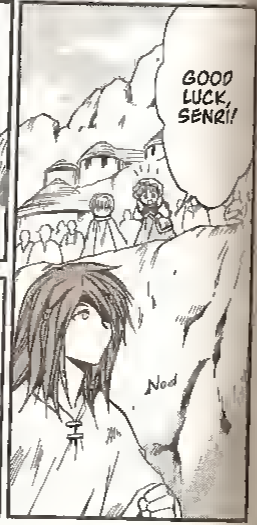
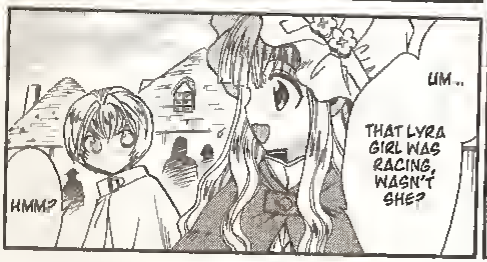
LAND RACE, GO!

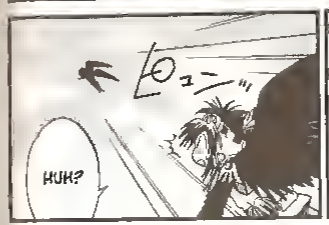

AWW, THEY'RE GONE.
I GUESS THEY'LL BE BACK AROUND TOMORROW AFTERNOON.
YEAH.


GOOD LUCK, SENRI!
Nod

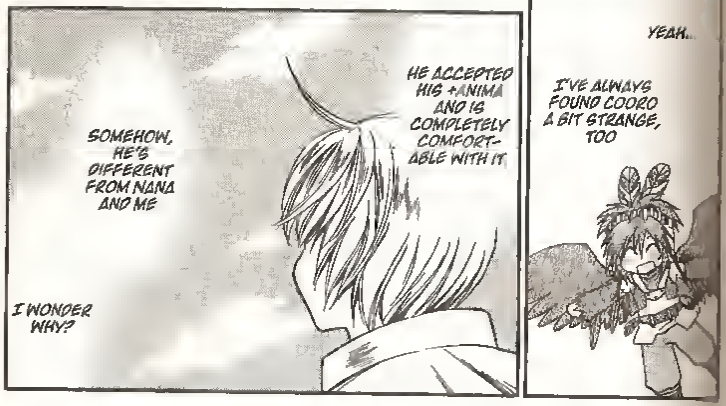

UM..
THAT LYRA GIRL WAS RACING, WASN'T SHE?
HMM?

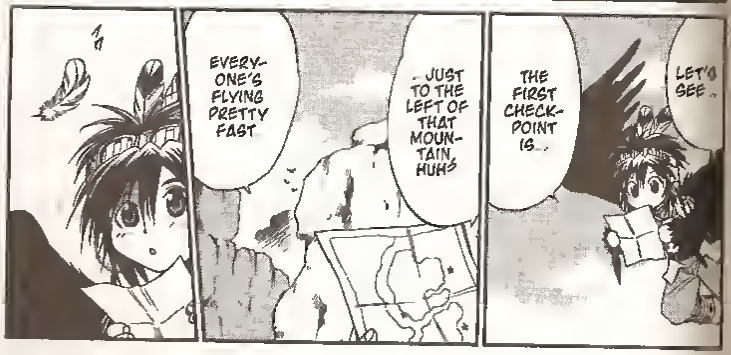
LET'S SEE...THERE ARE ABOUT 15 PEOPLE IN THE AIR RACE..
...AND THEY'RE ALL BIGGER THAN ME.

LYRAAA!!
LET'S BOTH DO OUR BEST, 'KAY?

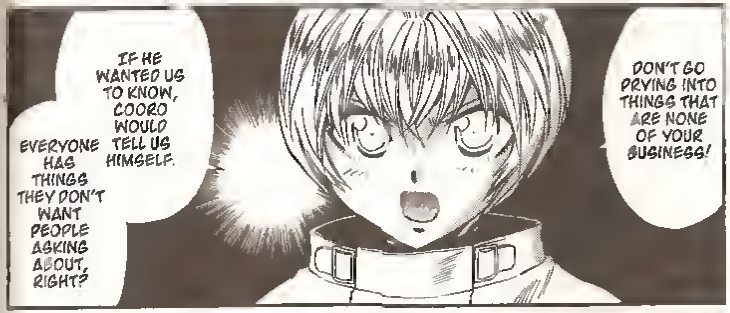

HUH?
Hmph!

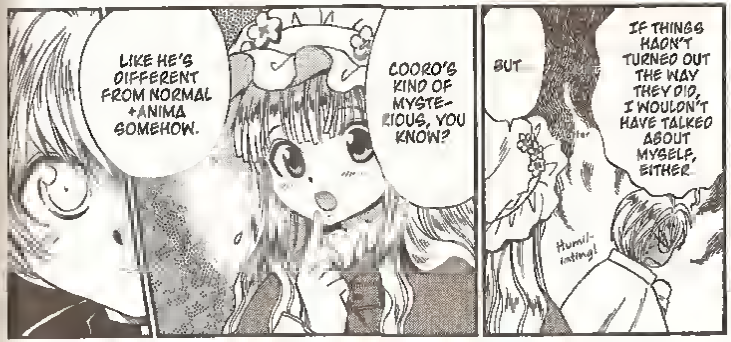
AH!


SOMEHOW, HE'S DIFFERENT FROM NANA AND ME
HE ACCEPTED HIS +ANIMA AND IS COMPLETELY COMFORTABLE WITH IT
I WONDER WHY?
YEAH...
I'VE ALWAYS FOUND COORO A BIT STRANGE, TOO

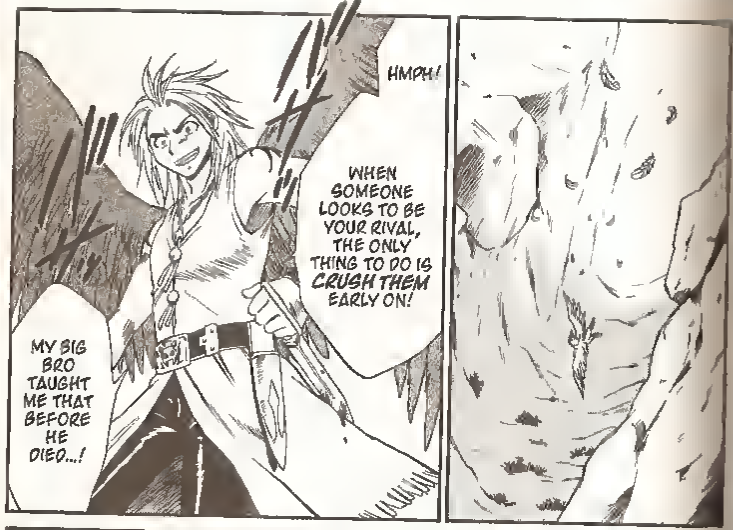

EVERYONE'S FLYING PRETTY FAST
...JUST TO THE LEFT OF THAT MOUNTAIN, HUH?
THE FIRST CHECKPOINT IS...
LET'S SEE...

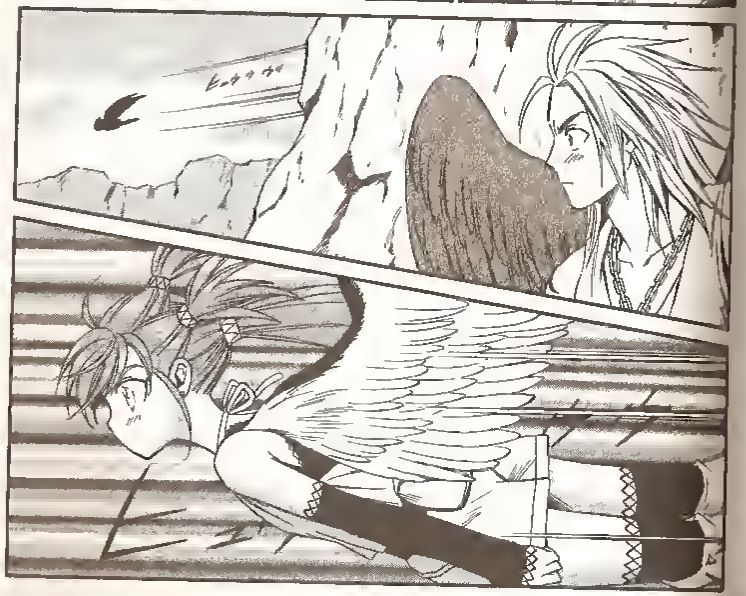
HUH?
DON'T YOU WANNA KNOW, TOO, HUSKY?
FORGET IT!
LATER, WHY DON'T WE GET HER TO TELL US STUFF...
...LIKE WHAT COORO WAS LIKE WHEN HE WAS LITTLE?
SHE KNOWS COORO, RIGHT?


EVERYONE HAS THINGS THEY DON'T WANT PEOPLE ASKING ABOUT, RIGHT?
IF HE WANTED US TO KNOW, COORO WOULD TELL US HIMSELF.
DON'T GO PRYING INTO THINGS THAT ARE NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!

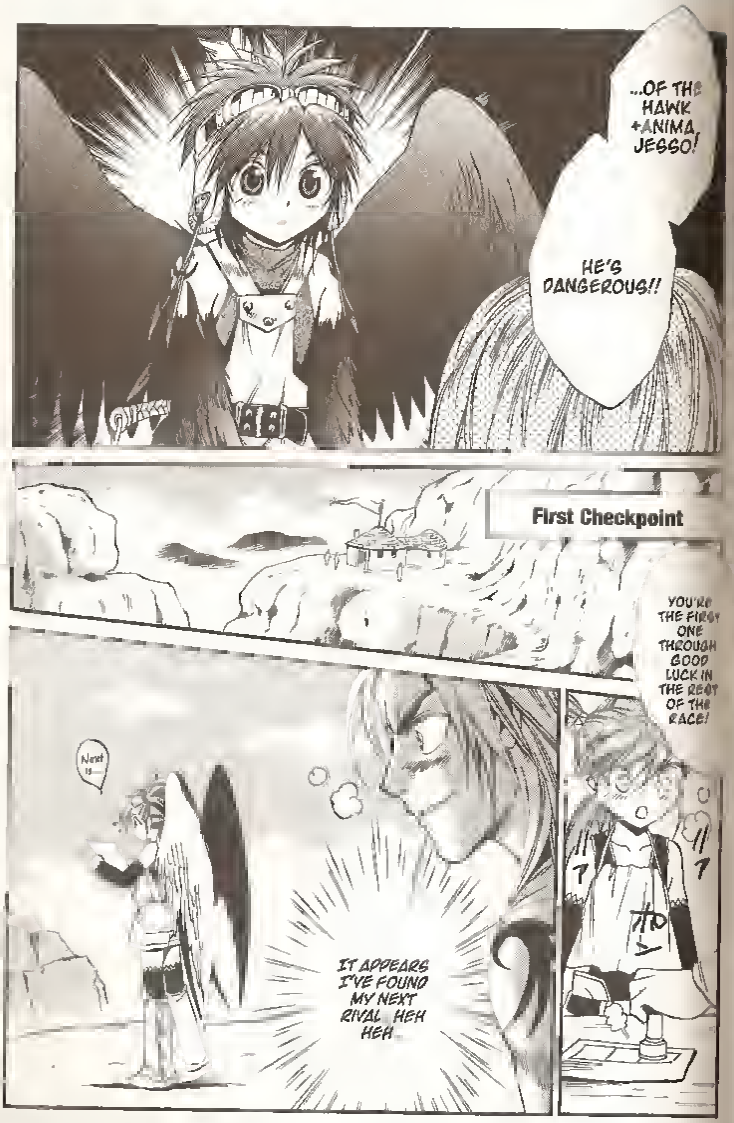

LIKE HE'S DIFFERENT FROM NORMAL +ANIMA SOMEHOW.
COORO'S KIND OF MYSTERIOUS, YOU KNOW?
BUT
IF THINGS HADN'T TURNED OUT THE WAY THEY DID, I WOULDN'T HAVE TALKED ABOUT MYSELF, EITHER.
Humiliating!

WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING?!
!!
?
PEFT! YOU'RE JUST SOFT!
IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR RUNNING THIS RACE WHEN YOU'RE SUCH A PUSHOVER!
IN THE WILDERNESS, SOMETIMES YOU GET ATTACKED BY BANDITS, YOU KNOW?
I'M ALMOST AT THE FIRST CHECK-POINT!
IF I CAN JUST KEEP THIS PACE UP...!
WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY?!

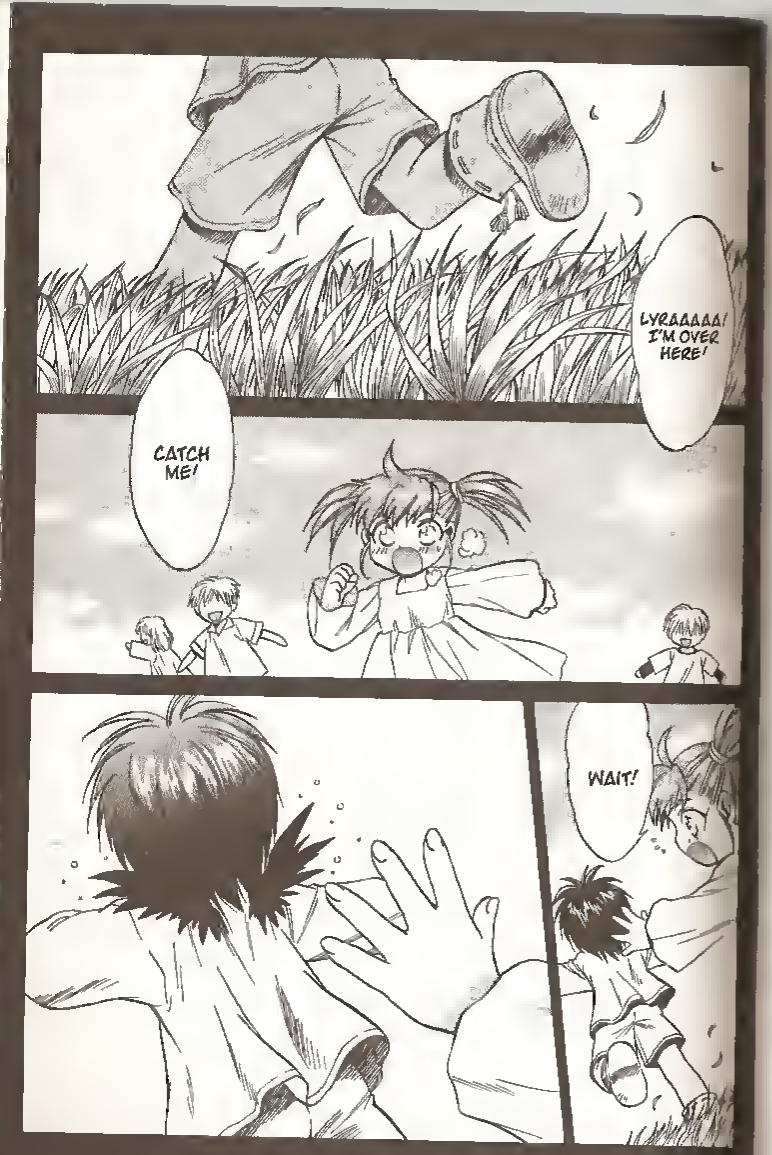

HMPH!
WHEN SOMEONE LOOKS TO BE YOUR RIVAL, THE ONLY THING TO DO IS CRUSH THEM EARLY ON!
MY BIG BRO TAUGHT ME THAT BEFORE HE DIED...!



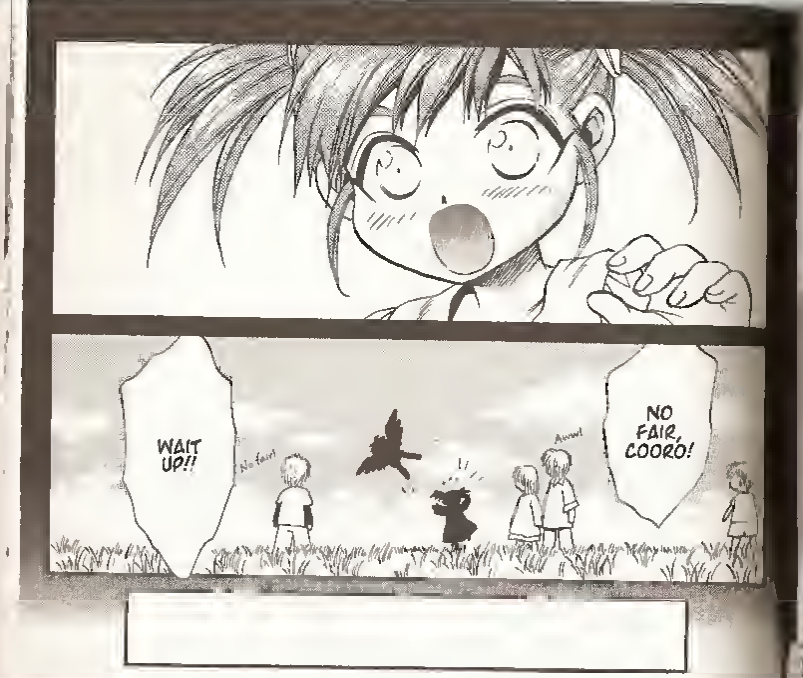
HUH?


...OF THE HAWK +ANIMA, JEGGO!
HE'S DANGEROUS!!
First Checkpoint
YOU'RE THE FIRST ONE THROUGH GOOD LUCK IN THE REST OF THE RACE!
Next is...
IT APPEARS I'VE FOUND MY NEXT RIVAL HEH HEH

A SWALLOW +ANIMA, EH?
H-HE SLASHED MY WING..!
THE FEATHERS ARE BENT. ! I CAN'T FLY!
ARE YOU OKAY?
AH!
I FOUND HIM!
IF SO, THEN BE CAREFUL ...
ARE YOU IN THE RACE, TOO?



Please don't hate me...



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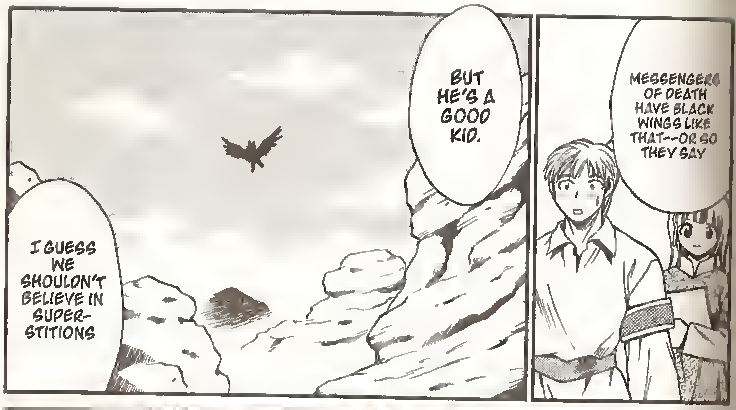
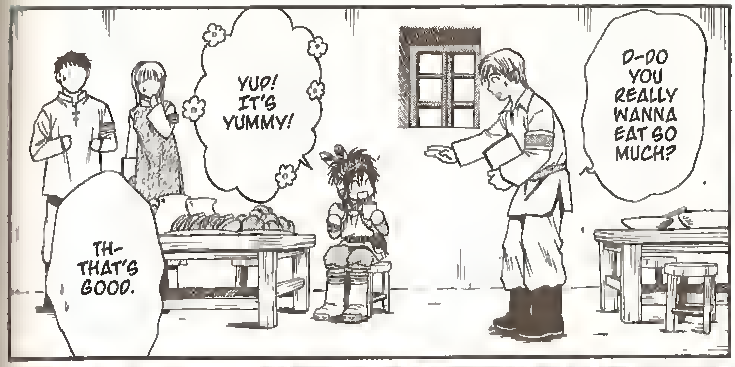
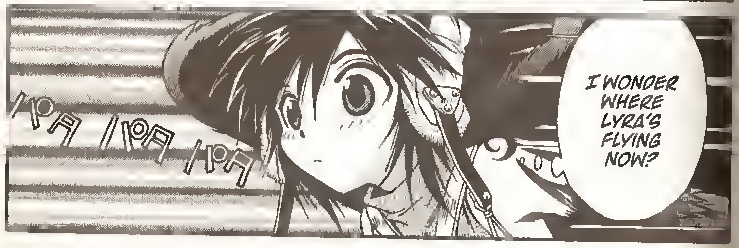
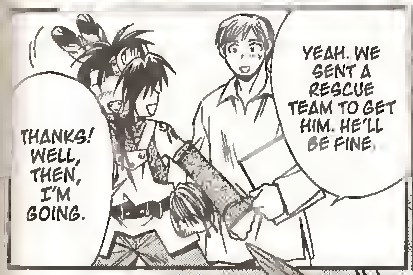
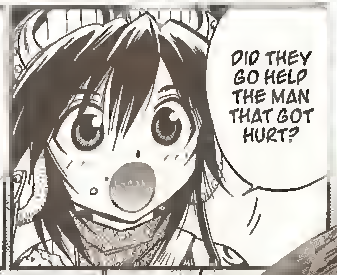
Childhood Friends—Part 2

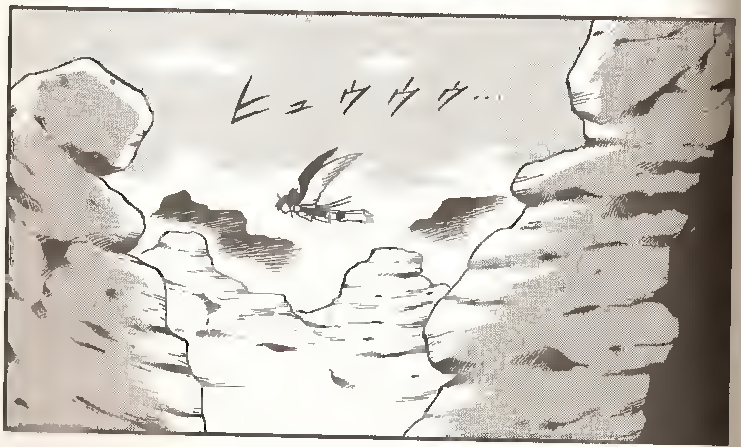

I GUESS WE SHOULDN'T BELIEVE IN SUPER-STITIONS
BUT HE'S A GOOD KID.
MESSENGERS OF DEATH HAVE BLACK WINGS LIKE THAT--OR SO THEY SAY


TH-THAT'S GOOD.
YUP! IT'S YUMMY!
D-DO YOU REALLY WANNA EAT SO MUCH?


I WONDER WHERE LYRA'S FLYING NOW?


THANKS! WELL, THEN, I'M GOING.
YEAH. WE SENT A RESCUE TEAM TO GET HIM. HE'LL BE FINE.


DID THEY GO HELP THE MAN THAT GOT HURT?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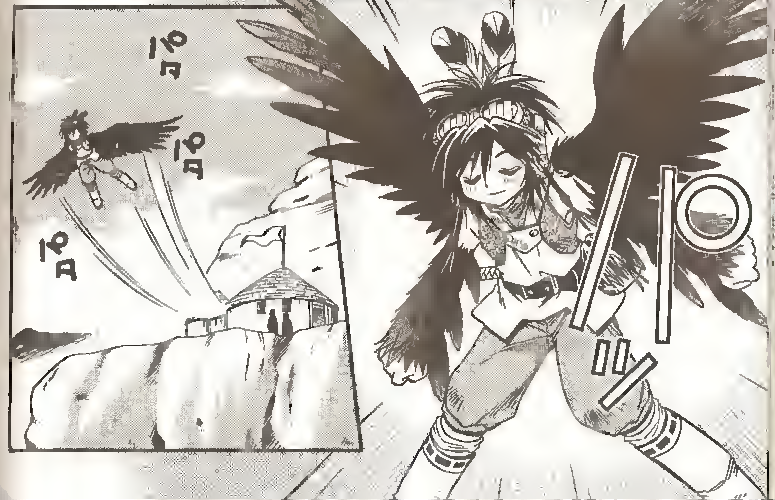
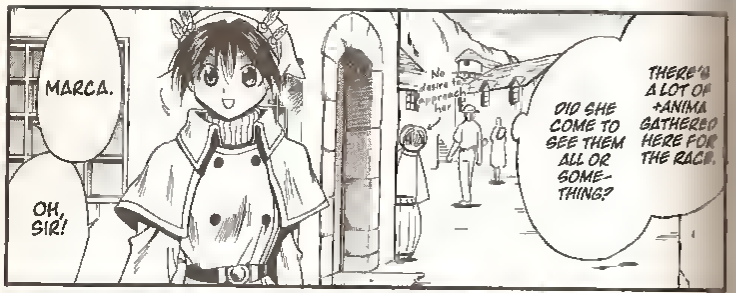
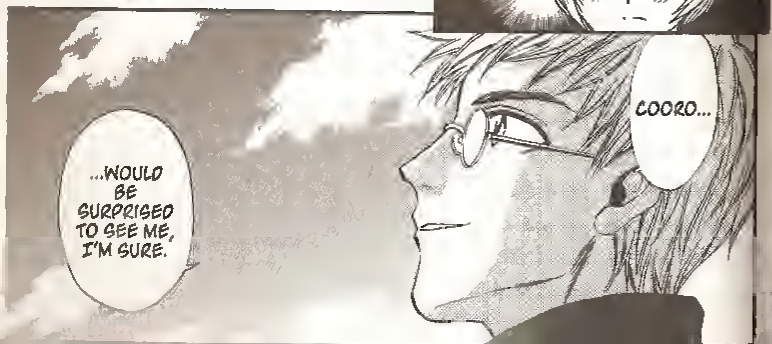


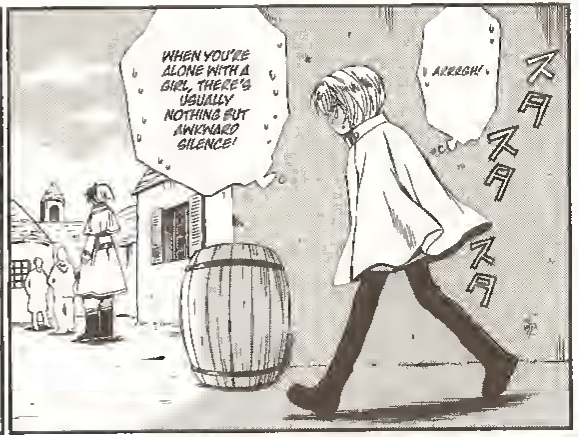
Sniff Sniff
Sniff Sniff
I-I WONDER HOW FAR COORD AND SENRI HAVE GOTTEN BY NOW?
I'M GONNA GO WANDER AROUND TOWN!
WHA--?!
I FEEL KIND OF...SHY
I'M ALONE WITH HUSKY UNTIL TOMOR-ROW.

ヒュウウ
HE'S BEEN ON MY TAIL FOR A WHILE NOW.
IT'S THE HAWK +ANIMA THAT WAS INTIMIDATING EVERYONE.
I'LL TRY TO GIVE HIM THE SLIP!
I DON'T LIKE IT...!


MARCA.
OH, SIR!
No desire to approach here.
DID SHE COME TO SEE THEM ALL OR SOMETHING?
THERE'S A LOT OF +ANIMA GATHERED HERE FOR THE RACE.

THAT'S THE BOY I MET! I'M SURE OF IT!
HE IS INDEED COMPETING.
THE CROW +ANIMA, COORO...


...WOULD BE SURPRISED TO SEE ME, I'M SURE.
COORO...


WHEN YOU'RE ALONE WITH A GIRL, THERE'S USUALLY NOTHING BUT AWKWARD SILENCE!
ARRRGH!
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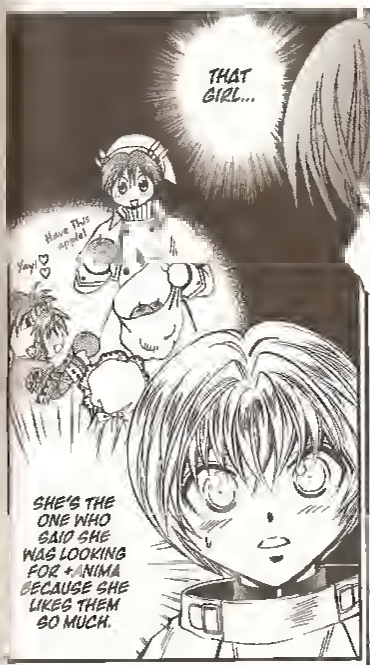
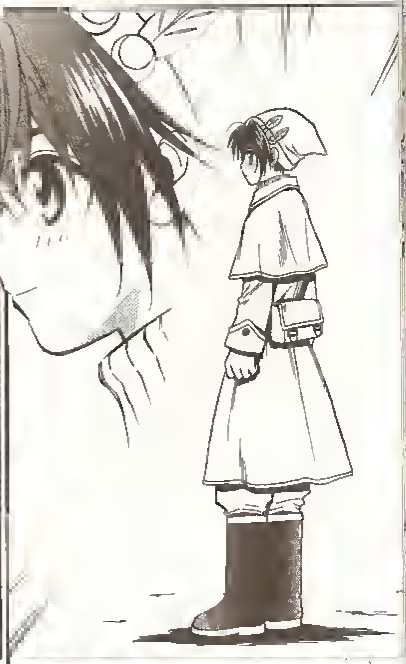
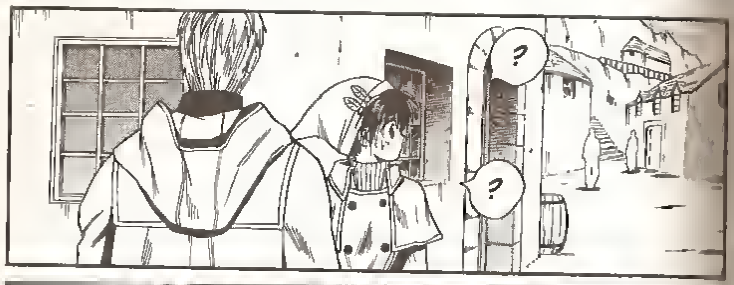

SHE'S THE ONE WHO SAID SHE WAS LOOKING FOR +ANIMA BECAUSE SHE LIKES THEM SO MUCH.
Have This apple!
Yay!


THAT GIRL...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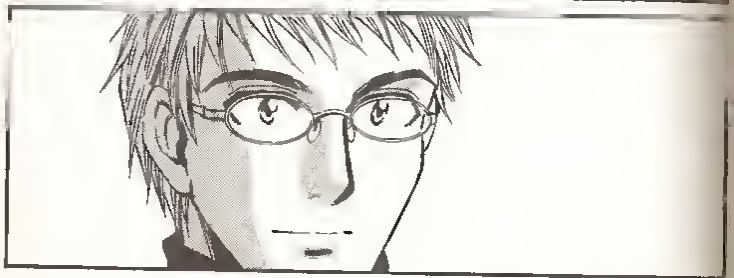
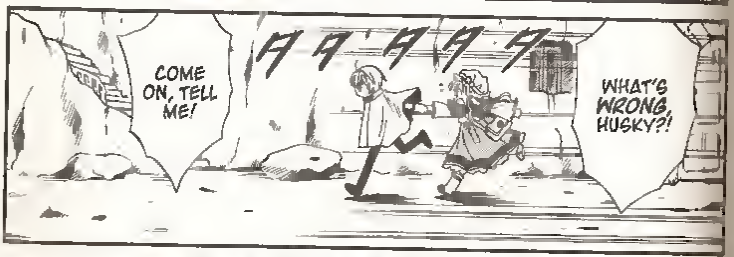
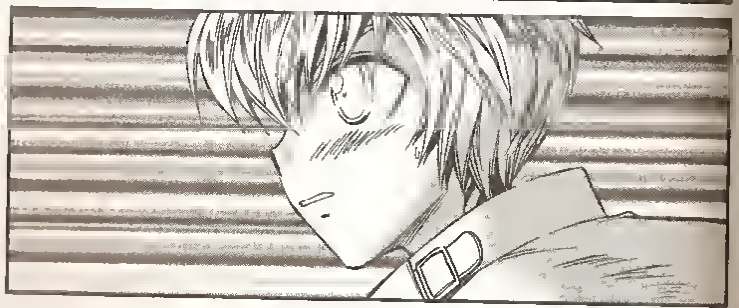
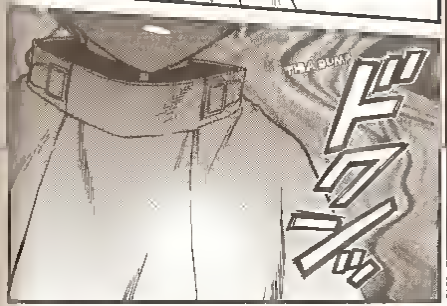



COME ON, TELL ME!
WHAT'S WRONG, HUSKY?!



SO HE MUST HAVE KNOWN COORO BEFORE WE MET.
I DON'T KNOW WHO HE IS...

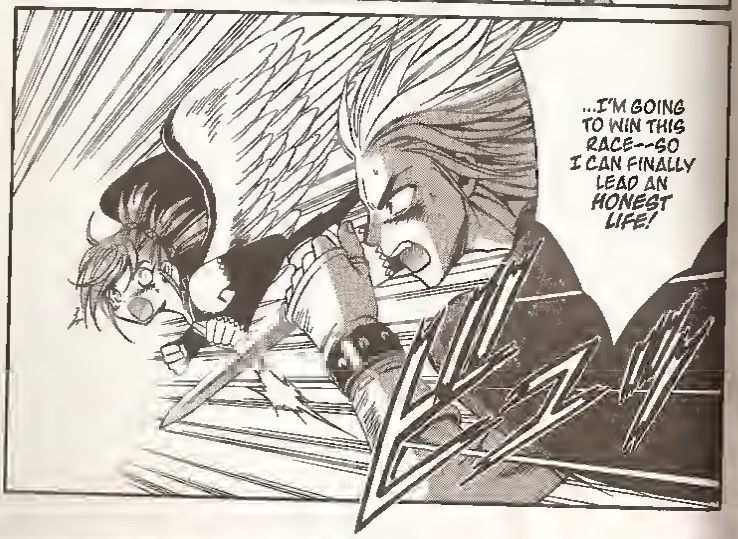

TIMA BUNT
ドクン!!

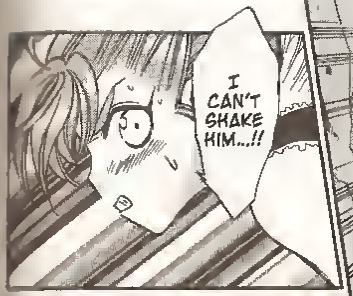
HUH?!
THAT MAN KNOWS COORO, TOO?!

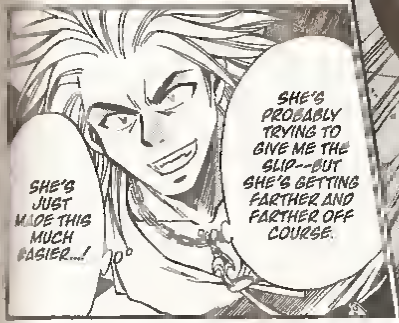
GUESS WHAT! THERE'S AN ACCESSORY SHOP OVER THERE!
OH! HUSKY, THERE YOU ARE!
ヒョン!!

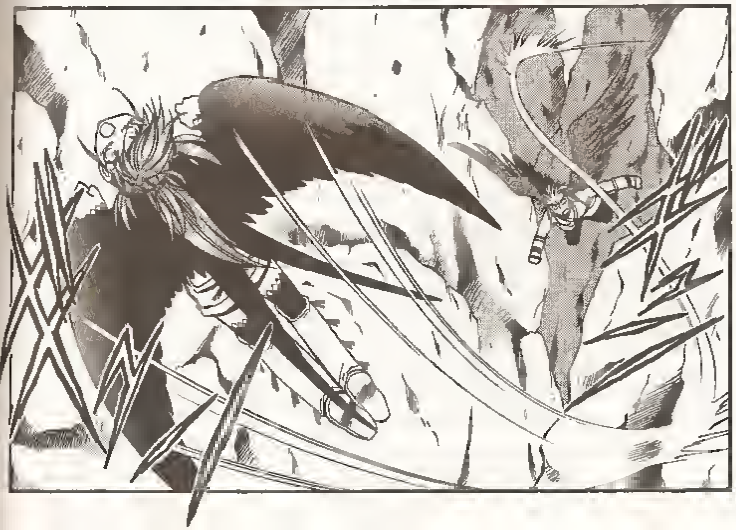
DARN IT! SHE'S ALL OVER THE PLACE!

THAT'S WHY...
I'VE STAYED ALIVE BY USING THE POWER OF MY +ANIMA TO STEAL OR DO WHATEVER IT TOOK TO GET BY!


...I'M GOING TO WIN THIS RACE--SO I CAN FINALLY LEAD AN HONEST LIFE!


I CAN'T SHAKE HIM...!!

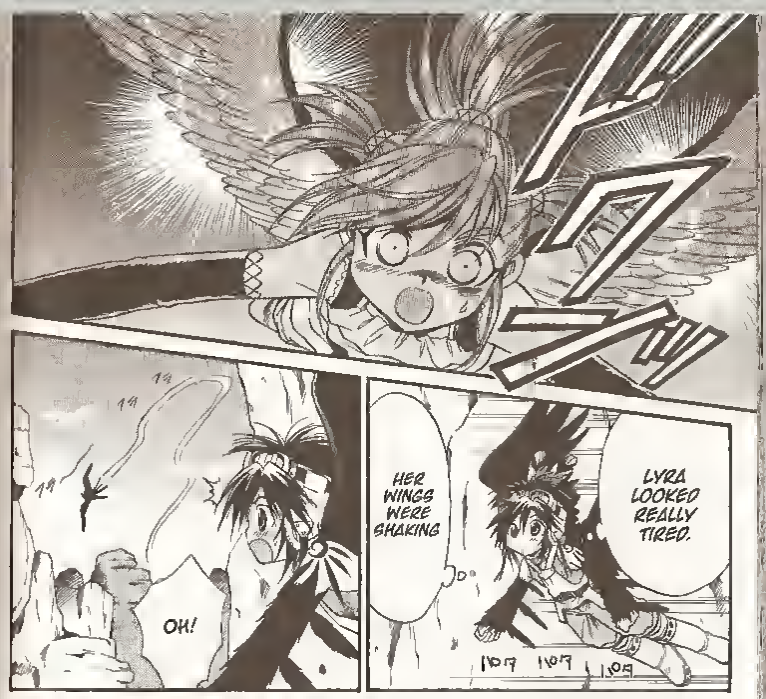

SHE'S JUST MADE THIS MUCH EASIER...!
SHE'S PROBABLY TRYING TO GIVE ME THE SLIP--BUT SHE'S GETTING FARTHER AND FARTHER OFF COURSE.

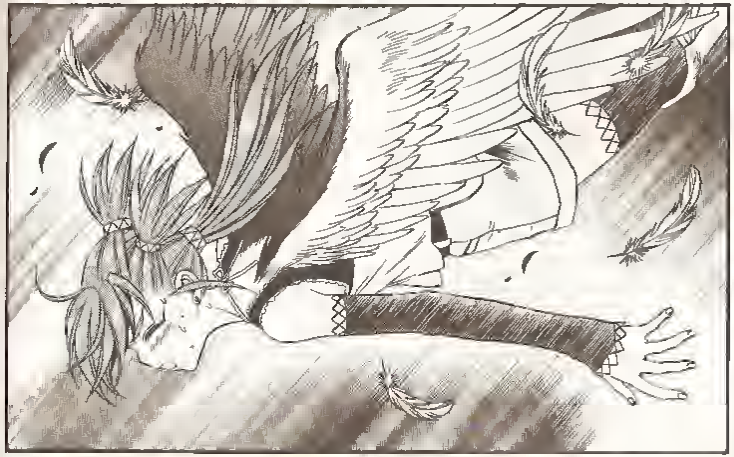


WE...
...ALL...
...WANT THAT!!
A L-LITTLE GIRL LIKE HER...TOOK ME... O-DOWN?
I CAN'T AFFORD
...TO LOSE, EITHER!

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT, COORO
ALWAYS SMILING LIKE AN IDIOT!
YOU CAN LAUGH STUPIDLY LIKE THAT BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN A +ANIMA FROM THE BEGINNING!
YOU'RE NOT LIKE ME--I HAD TO WAIT TO GET A +ANIMA!!
AH, LYRA!
THERE YOU ARE!
H-HOW?!
C-COORO!!
I THOUGHT THAT HAWK +ANIMA MIGHT HAVE DONE SOMETHING TO YOU..
I FOLLOWED YOUR AURA, LYRA.
...BUT I'M GLAD YOU'RE SAFE!
.....
HUH?
THIS IS NO TIME TO BE CRYING!
I HAVE TO WIN THE RACE!
HYA!
HYA!!
LYRA!!

LYRA!!


OH!
HER WINGS WERE SHAKING
LYRA LOOKED REALLY TIRED.



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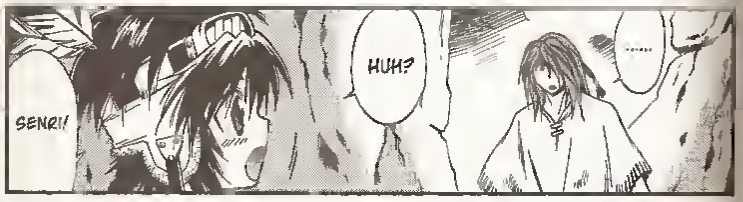
SENRI!
HUH?
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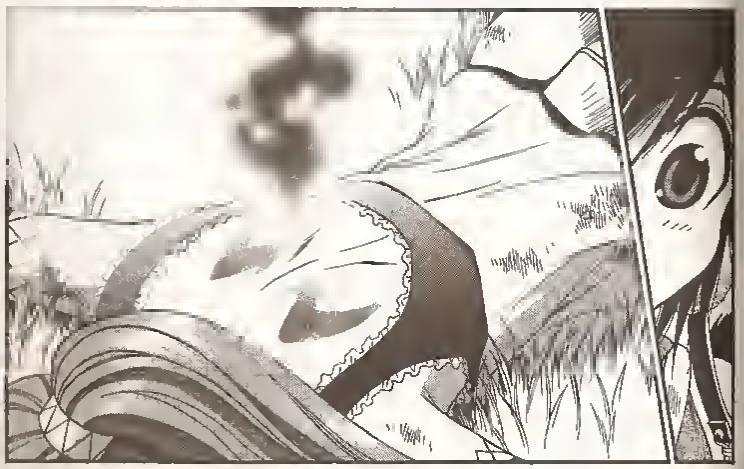

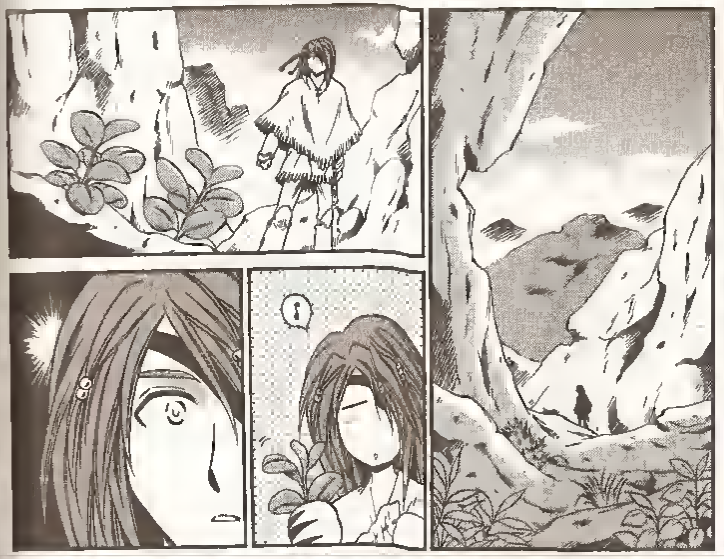
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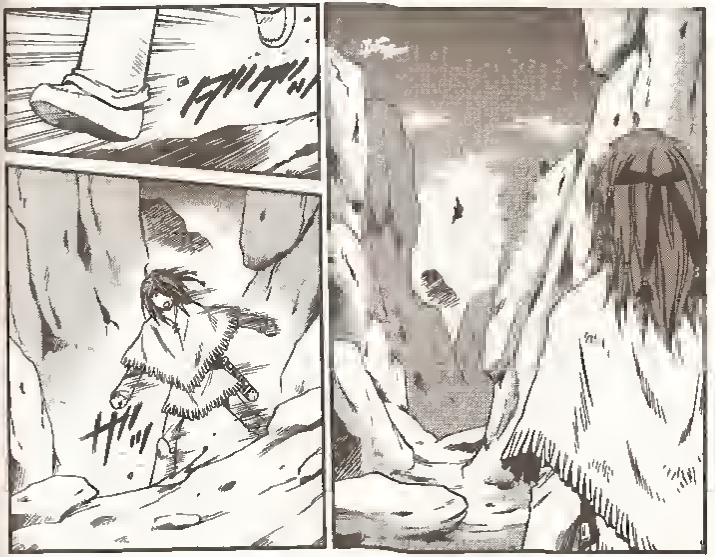
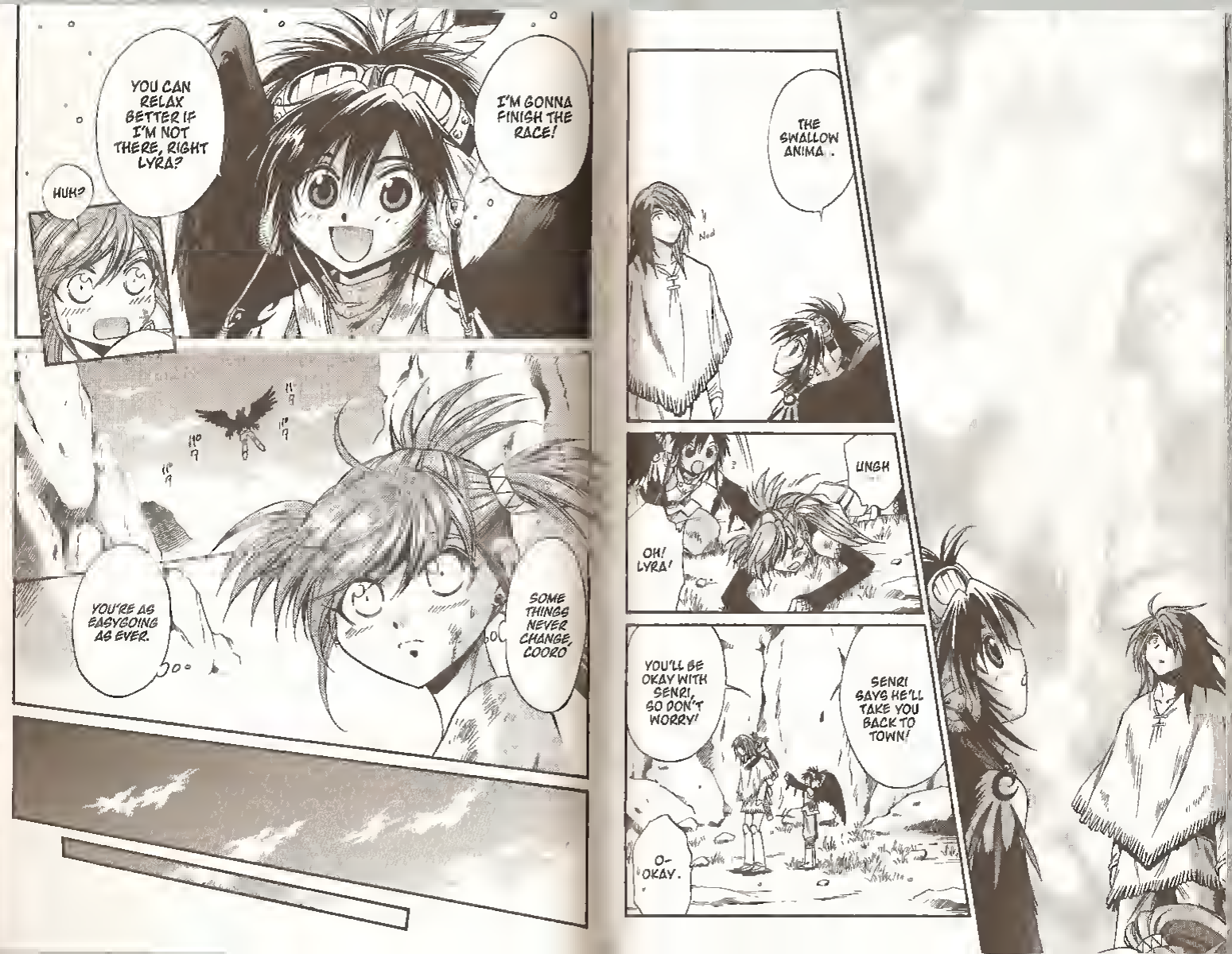
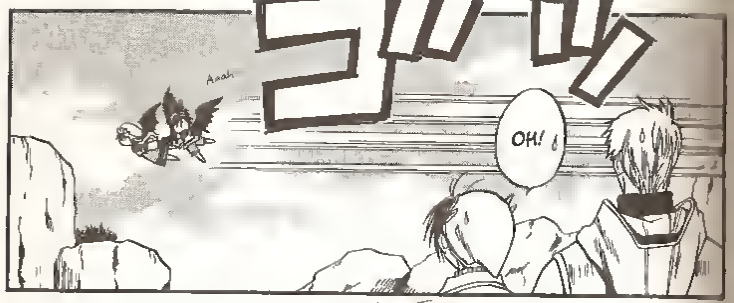



I'M GONNA FINISH THE RACE!
YOU CAN RELAX BETTER IF I'M NOT THERE, RIGHT LYRA?
HUH?
SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE, COORO
YOU'RE AS EASYGOING AS EVER.
THE SWALLOW ANIMA .
UNGH
OH! LYRA!
SENRI SAYS HE'LL TAKE YOU BACK TO TOWN!
YOU'LL BE OKAY WITH SENRI, SO DON'T WORRY!
O-OKAY.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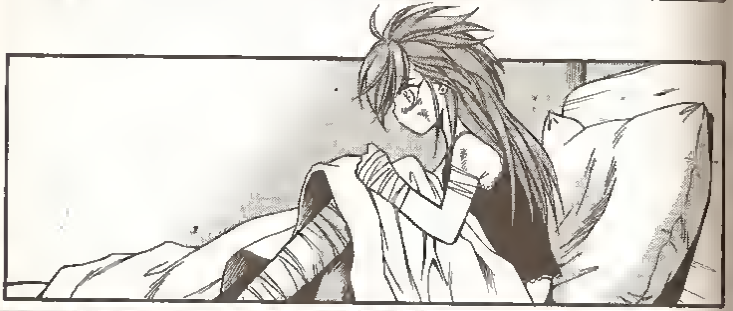
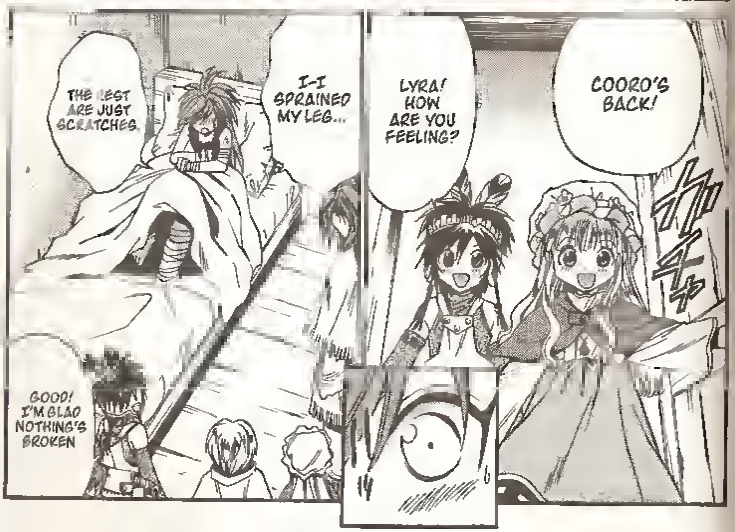
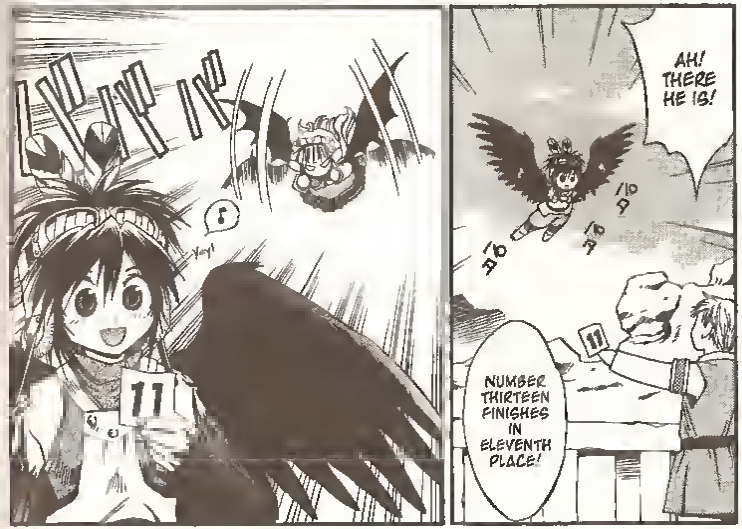
OH!




THE REST ARE JUST SCRATCHES.
I-I SPRAINED MY LEG...
LYRA! HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
COORO'S BACK!
GOOD! I'M GLAD NOTHING'S BROKEN

NUMBER SIX FINISHES!
NUMBER TWELVE FINISHES!
BESIDES THE ONES WHO DROPPED OUT, THERE'S ONLY ONE RUNNER LEFT!

RIGHT.
NUMBER THIRTEEN, COORO RIGHT?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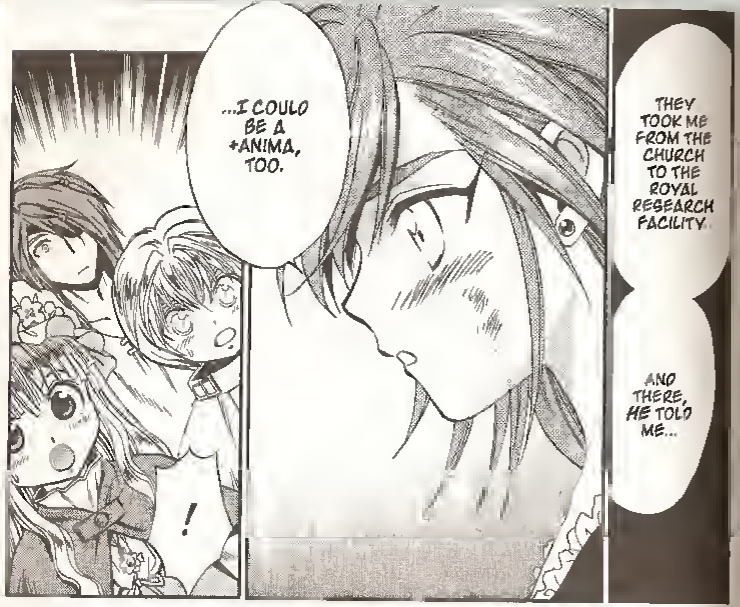
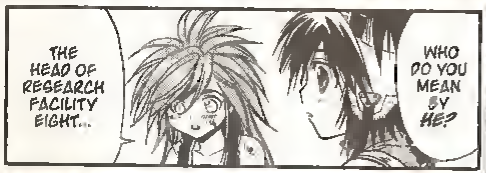
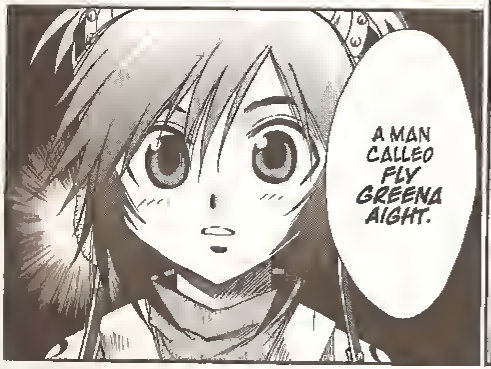
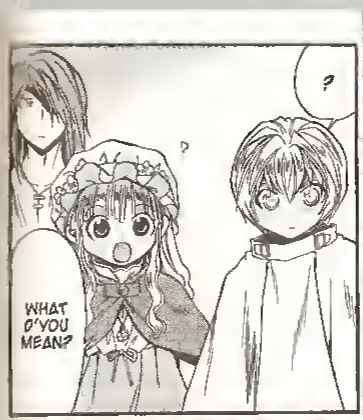
AH! THERE HE IS!
NUMBER THIRTEEN FINISHES IN ELEVENTH PLACE!


...I COULD BE A +ANIMA, TOO.
!
THEY TOOK ME FROM THE CHURCH TO THE ROYAL RESEARCH FACILITY.
AND THERE, HE TOLD ME...


THE HEAD OF RESEARCH FACILITY EIGHT...
WHO DO YOU MEAN BY HE?


A MAN CALLED FLY GREENA AIGHT.

HE IMPLANTED A +ANIMA INTO ME...
WHICH CAUSED ME TO BECOME A SWALLOW +ANIMA.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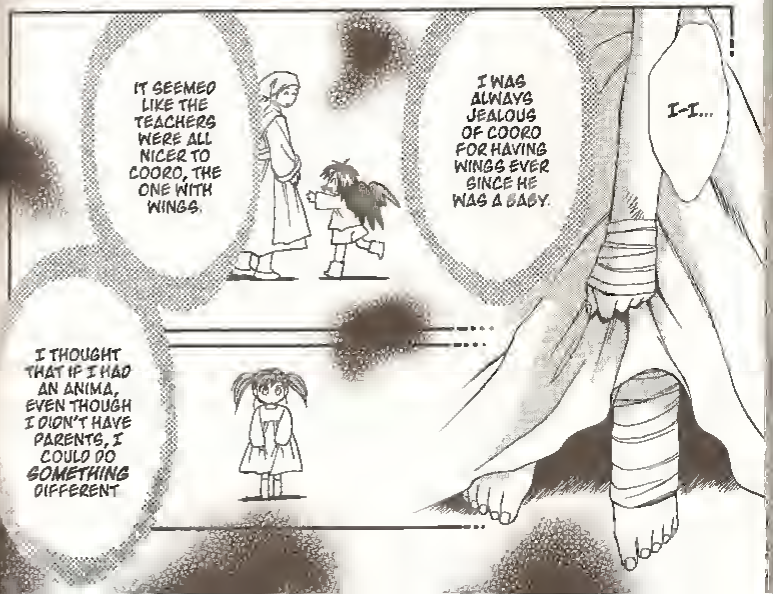
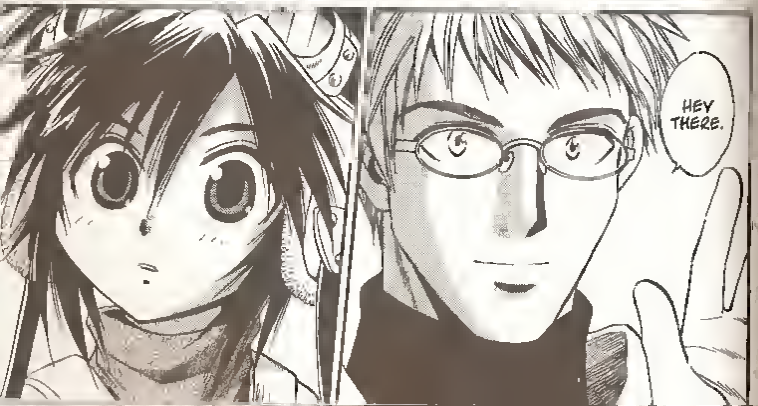
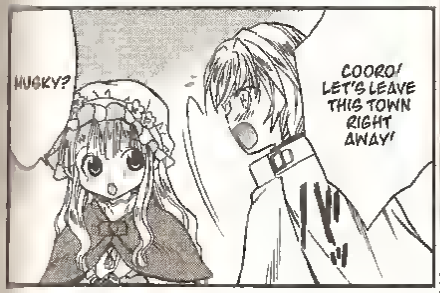
WHAT D'YOU MEAN?

BUT...
...WHAT WILL I DO? GETTING HURT LIKE THIS..
...HE'LL BE MAD AT ME.

YOU MEAN YOUR +ANIMA?

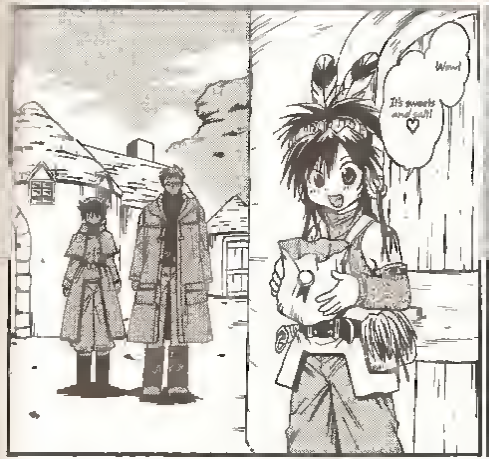

I-I...
IT SEEMED LIKE THE TEACHERS WERE ALL NICER TO COORO, THE ONE WITH WINGS.
I WAS ALWAYS JEALOUS OF COORO FOR HAVING WINGS EVER SINCE HE WAS A BABY.
I THOUGHT THAT IF I HAD AN ANIMA, EVEN THOUGH I DION'T HAVE PARENTS, I COULD DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT

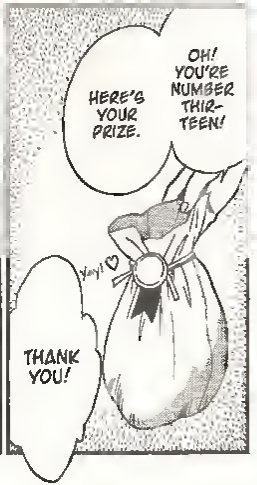

HEY THERE.

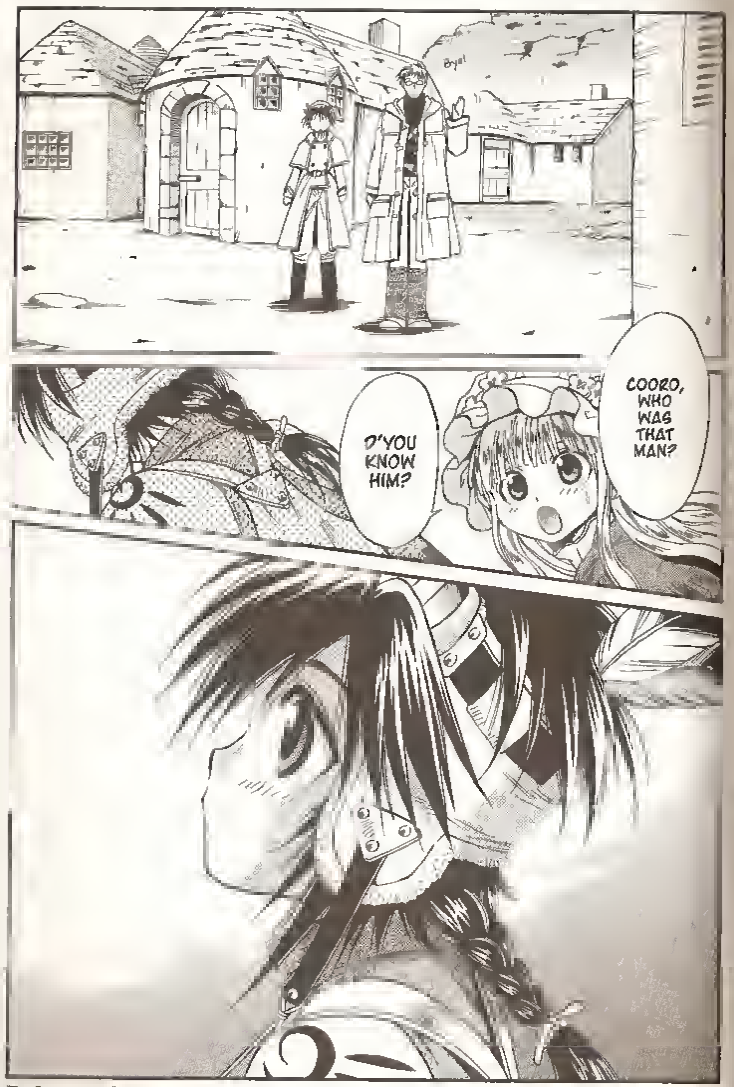

HUSKY?
COORO! LET'S LEAVE THIS TOWN RIGHT AWAY!

I'M GONNA GO GET IT NOW!
OOPS!
I DIDN'T GET MY PRIZE FOR RUNNING!
COORO!!

A MAN FROM THE RESEARCH FACILITY...
Friend of the +Anima-loving girl
Is he a +Anima lover too?
COULD IT BE...?


Wow!
It's sweets and all! ♡


OH! YOU'RE NUMBER THIR-TEEN!
HERE'S YOUR PRIZE.
Yay! ♡
THANK YOU!



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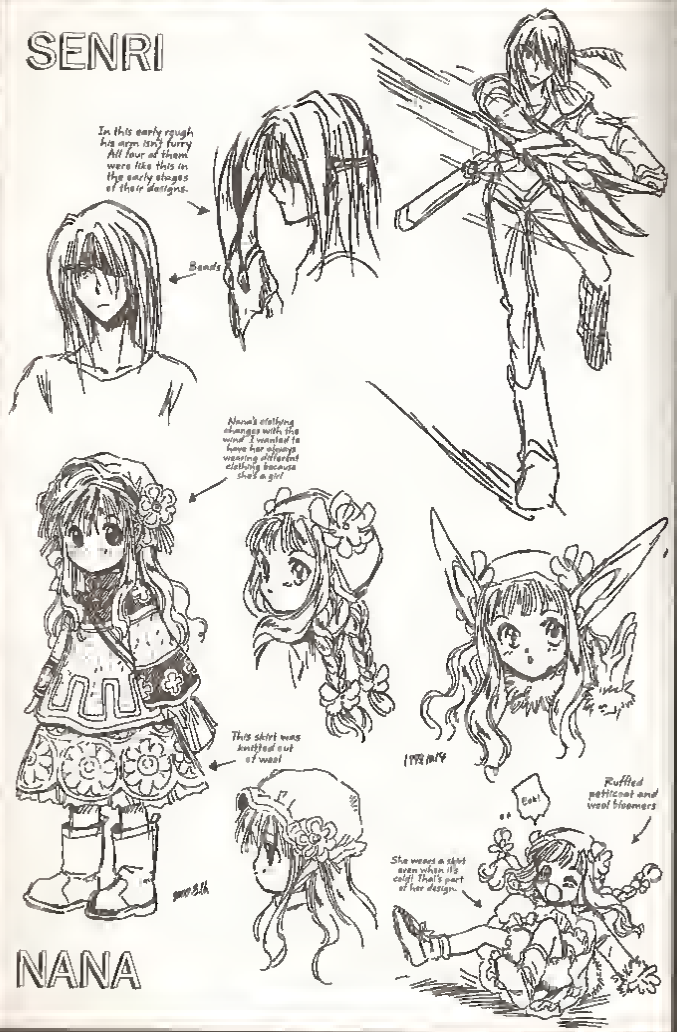
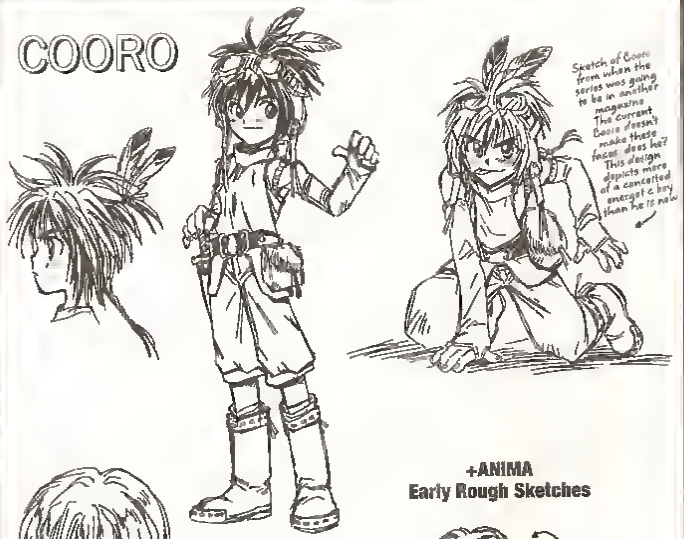
SENRI


In this early rough his arm isn't furry. All four of them were like this in the early stages of their designs.
Bands
Nana's clothing changes with the wind. I wanted to have her always wearing different clothing because she's a girl.
This skirt was knitted out of wool
Ruffled petticoat and wool bloomers
She wears a skirt even when it's cold! That's part of her design.
Eek!

NANA

COORO


Sketch of Cooro from when the series was going to be in another magazine. The current Cooro doesn't make these faces, does he? This design depicts more of a concealed energy & shy than he is now.

+ANIMA
Early Rough Sketches

HUSKY

ANIMA™

COORO AND FRIENDS HEAD TO KILTER, TO THE CHURCH WHERE COORO WAS RAISED. AWAITING HIM ARE THE SECRETS TO HIS VERY EXISTENCE, AND FOR THE OTHER +ANIMA, THE OPPORTUNITY TO RID THEMSELVES OF THEIR ANIMALISTIC TRAITS. WILL SOME CHOOSE TO BECOME REGULAR HUMANS? FIND OUT IN THE 10TH AND FINAL VOLUME OF *+ANIMA*!

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